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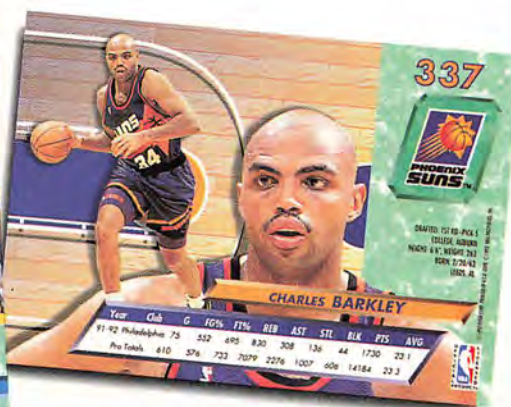
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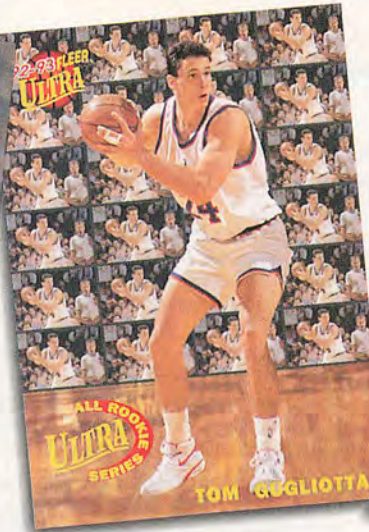
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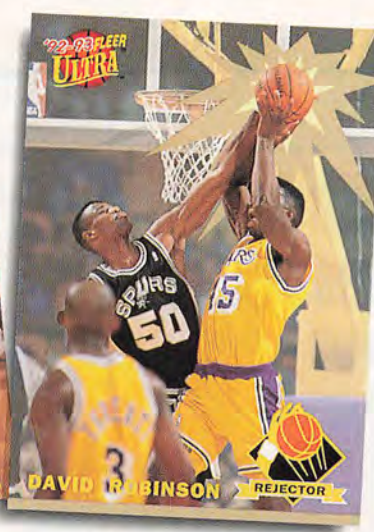
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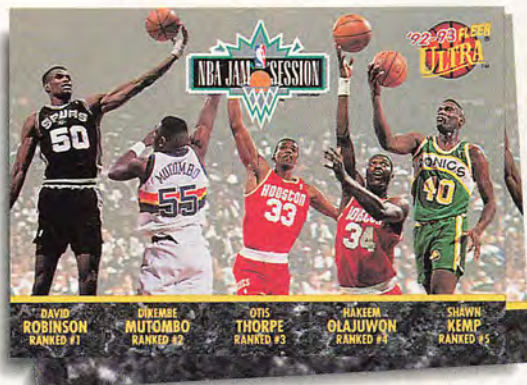
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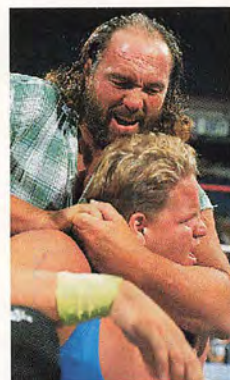
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BY ED RICCIUTI

Guess what? Razor Ramon is ticked off at *World Wrestling Federation Magazine*. Ticked off big-time. He complains we went back on an agreement. If you remember, we featured Razor on the cover of the March issue. He claims that he agreed to pose for our photographer because we promised to write a flattering article about him.

We promised nothing of the kind. Sure, we said we would publish an article about this burly superstar, but we said we would let the chips fall where they may. We were not going to write a puff story for him. No way. We told him that we were going to ask the Cuban community in Miami what they really thought about him. Apparently his ego has him believing his own propaganda: that Miami's Cubans and Cuban-America idolize him.

When we went to Miami and asked them, we found nothing of the sort. If you read the article, you know we were told many unflattering things about Mr. Ramon. People there are afraid of him. Like him? No, they detest him, except for a few street toughs who try to imitate his swaggering ways.

Sorry, Razor. The information that we printed was the truth. Nothing you can say can change that. And we won't be intimidated by you into printing a retraction.

Now, Razor, we have a question for you, one we're sure you won't answer. Why is it, as we've heard, that you have several boxes full of the March magazine in your garage? Is it that, whatever the story says, your ego is flattered by the cover photo? We

bet you'd pose for us again.

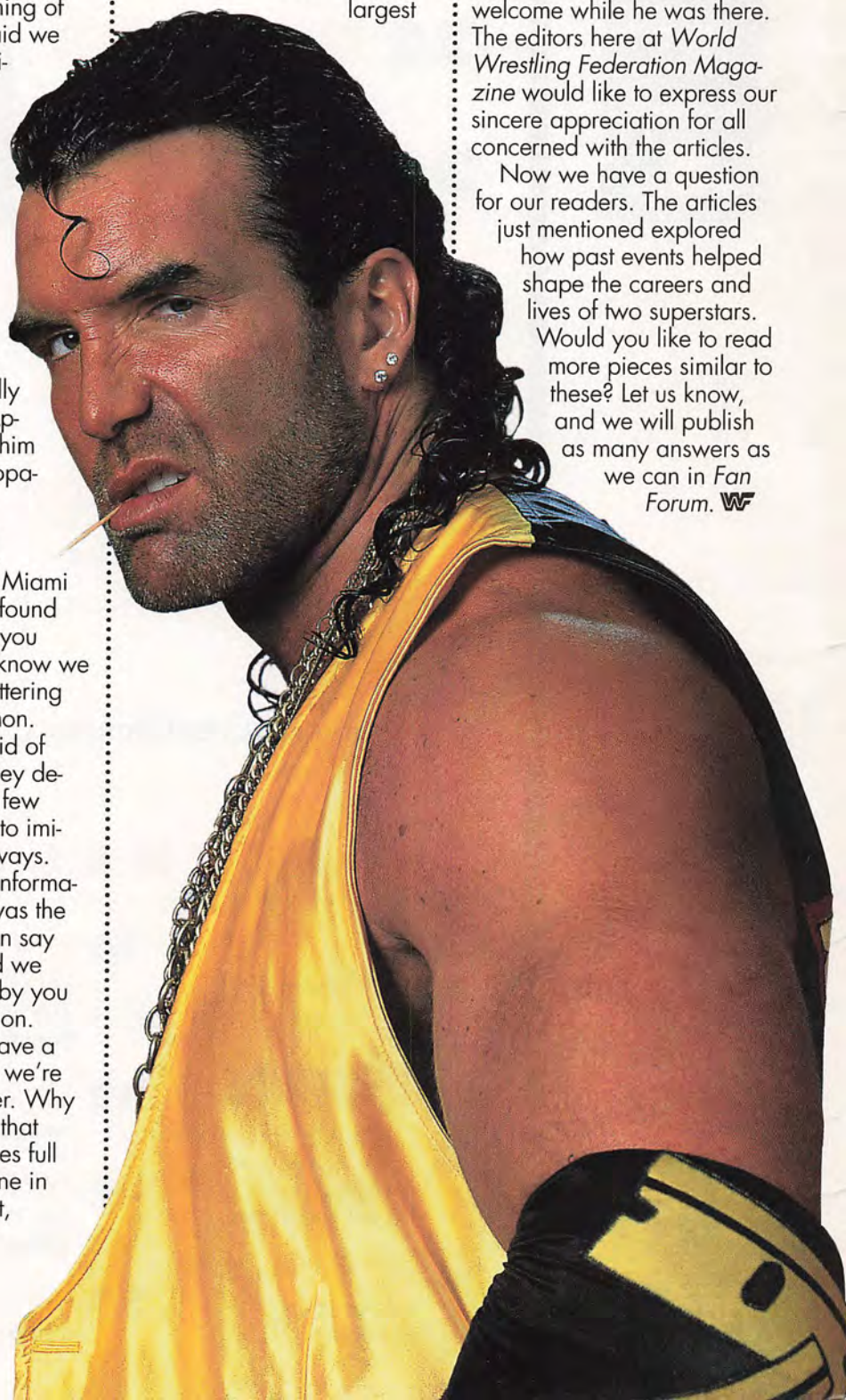
In the May issue of this magazine, we published two articles of a type that we'd like to continue. One was about the baseball career of Macho Man Randy Savage. The other article was about how Bret "Hit Man" Hart grew up in one of the world's most famous—numerically, most likely the largest

family—wrestling families.

Both Macho Man and Bret, together with his family, were extremely cooperative and accommodating. Not all the superstars with whom we deal are so genuinely hospitable and happy to help. Keith Elliot Greenberg, who visited with the Hart family, said that Bret and his parents went all-out to make him feel welcome while he was there. The editors here at *World Wrestling Federation Magazine* would like to express our sincere appreciation for all concerned with the articles.

Now we have a question for our readers. The articles just mentioned explored how past events helped shape the careers and lives of two superstars.

Would you like to read more pieces similar to these? Let us know, and we will publish as many answers as we can in *Fan Forum*. **WF**





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Monday Night Raw, which airs every Monday on the USA Network, is one of the most talked-about World Wrestling Federation telecasts in history. Since the program made its debut last winter, fans everywhere have written this magazine to express their enthusiasm. The sentiments are similar: Everybody enjoys the action and the commentary provided by Vince McMahon, Macho Man Randy Savage and Rob Bartlett.

In the April issue of *Around the Ring*, we asked what you thought of *Monday Night Raw*. Below we have compiled a list of your comments.

"I think
Monday Night Raw is
the best

wrestling show ever! *Raw* has great matches and interviews. One of my all-time favorite matches pitted Shawn Michaels and the Beverly Brothers against Tatanka and the Nasty Boys." Evan Portno, Warwick, Rhode Island.

"*Monday Night Raw* is the greatest wrestling program on television. When you combine Vince McMahon, the Macho Man and Rob Bartlett, and without Bobby Heenan, you've got a fantastic program. And Macho Man isn't joking when he says *Raw* is 'uncut, uncooked and uncensored!'" Randy Lopez, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

"I think that *Monday Night Raw* is better than *Prime Time Wrestling* ever was. I love it! There are great matches on *Raw*. I'd like to compliment the Federation on a job well done with *Raw*." Adam Nedeff, Vienna, West Virginia.

"I believe that *Monday Night Raw* is the best tele-

vision show in Federation history. Why? Because along with *Mania* (on the USA Network every Saturday), *Raw* has the most in-depth look at Federation superstars." Jeff Tessin, Urbana, Illinois.

"*Monday Night Raw* has action that never stops. I think it's the closest thing to pay-per-view events like *WrestleMania*." Dana Alexander, Clyde, New York.

"I think *Monday Night Raw* is the best World Wrestling Federation program that I've seen in a while. You get great matches with bigger names, and the commentary from McMahon, Savage and Rob Bartlett is very funny and entertaining." Kristina Nagy, Newington, Connecticut.

"*Raw* is great, and it's my favorite TV show. This show gives me all the information I want and great matches, too." Rebecca Gansowski, Ancram, New York.

"I enjoy watching the action-packed matches on *Monday Night Raw*. They're always worth watching! In fact, I'd like to see more of *Raw*; two hours would be better than one." Chad Maki, Billings, Montana.

"I love *Monday Night Raw*! Rob Bartlett is hilarious, Randy Savage is always psyched up and Vince McMahon is there to keep the peace. The matches are excellent, especially the Career Match Mr. Perfect won last winter."

Andrea Carpen-
cy, Bethlehem,
Pennsylvania.

"I enjoy *Raw*. My favorite match was the Million Dollar

Man versus Brutus Beefcake. I would like to thank the Federation for such a great show. Keep up the good work." Eric Radder, Alden, New York. **W**



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QUESTIONS THAT PUT ON THE HEAT

Editor's Note: Bobby Heenan's column, *Brainstorms*, has run its course. It has been replaced, beginning this issue, with *Pin 'em Down*. We will publish the answers to questions posed by readers to wrestlers and other World Wrestling Federation personalities. We'll even consider questions from wrestlers. Write to the same address as you do for *Fan Forum*, mark the envelope *Pin 'em Down* and pin down World Wrestling Federation superstars with your questions. Ironically, one of the first questions we received was for the Brain. As soon as Mr. Perfect learned that we had canned *Brainstorms*, he posed a question to Heenan.



QUESTION:

Bobby "The Brain" Heenan, I'd like to get the inside scoop on why your column was killed.—Mr. Perfect

HEENAN:

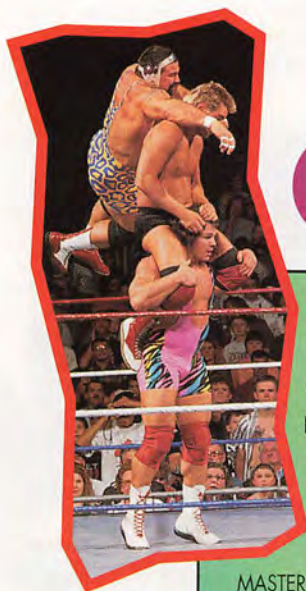
You would be the one to ask that question, you second-rate stiff. I'll tell you anyway. Prejudice. Stupidity. Lack of class. Envy. You name it. My column was killed for all those reasons. The humanoid staff of *World Wrestling Federation Magazine* couldn't handle the fact that I am a far better journalist than any of their goofball editors. Beyond that, they have always been irri-

tated by the fact that, as a journalist, I won't let prejudiced editors dictate to me. The editors of this rag of a magazine have their own favorites. When I bashed their favorites in print, those pencil pushers went wild. Canning my column was a very stupid move on their part. I'll bet they'll get thousands of complaint letters. And when those no-good [expletive deleted] come crawling back to me, begging me to start writing for them again, I won't even give them the time of day.



Q: SCOTT STEINER, HOW DID YOU AND YOUR BROTHER DEVELOP THE STEINERLINE AND FRANKENSTEINER? — Angelo Fratianno, Chicago, Illinois

Scott Steiner: RICK AND I SPENT YEARS PERFECTING THE ART OF WRESTLING, AND THROUGH TRIAL AND ERROR WE CAME UP WITH SOME MANEUVERS THAT NOBODY ELSE HAD THOUGHT OF USING IN THE RING. RICK'S STEINERLINE IS A MODIFIED CLOTHESLINE. HE USES HIS INCREDIBLE QUADRICEPS, HAMSTRINGS AND GLUTES TO PROPEL HIMSELF INTO HIS OPPONENTS AND HIS THICK SHOULDERS AND ARMS TO DO THE REAL DAMAGE! THE FRANKENSTEINER TOOK ME YEARS TO DEVELOP AND MASTER. I INVENTED IT WHEN I GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, AND IT'S BEEN ONE OF MY BEST OFFENSIVE WEAPONS EVER SINCE. THE BEST PART OF THE FRANKENSTEINER IS THAT I CAN USE IT AT THE DROP OF A HAT, WHICH BRINGS THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE INTO PLAY. AS A FINAL NOTE, I'D LIKE TO WARN OUR READERS NOT TO TRY THE FRANKENSTEINER OR THE STEINERLINE—OR ANY MOVE YOU SEE A SUPERSTAR PERFORM—ON YOUR FRIENDS. THESE MOVES ARE DANGEROUS AND CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY WITHOUT THE PROPER ATHLETIC TRAINING. SO LEAVE THE ROUGH STUFF FOR US!



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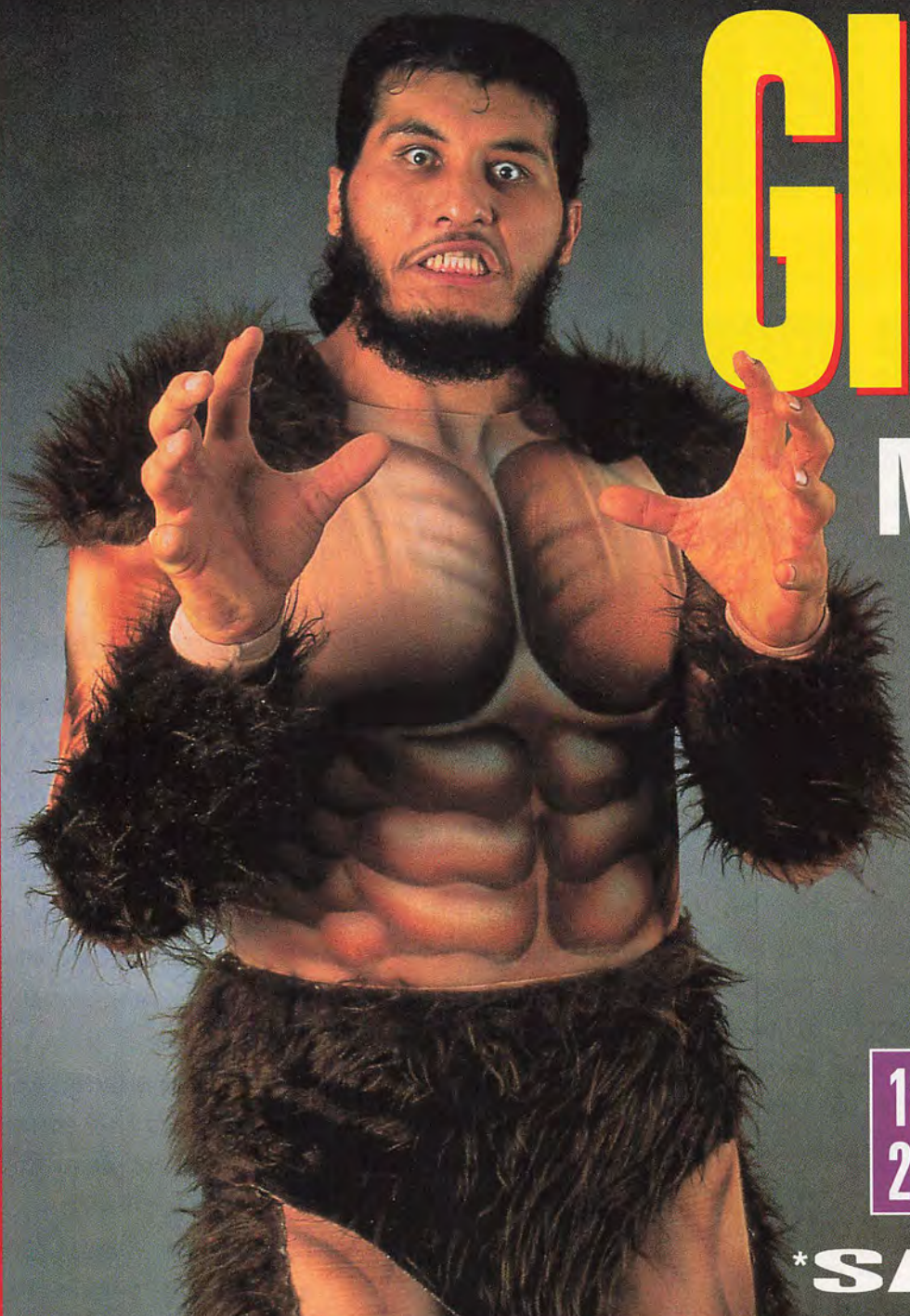
KAMALA, HOW DID YOU LOSE YOUR FRONT TEETH?—THE EDITORS



SLICK:

I'll have to answer for my man, Kamala. You see, over there in Africa, it's a custom of many tribes to knock out a man's front teeth in order to prove his courage. It happens when boys are teenagers. That's what happened to Kamala. He took it like a man. Kamala is a man. **WF**

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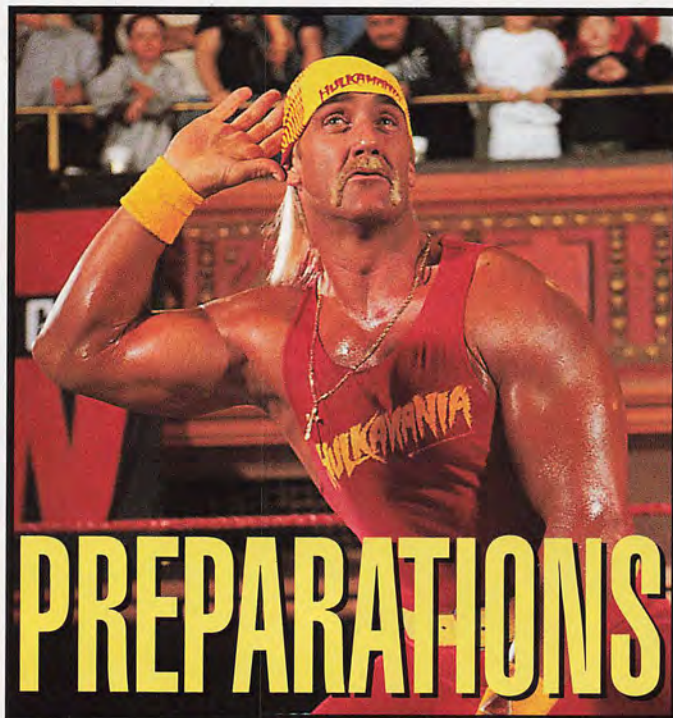
NEWS BEAT

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SOUL SEARCHING

Newsbeat learned that prior to his *WrestleMania IX* match with World Wrestling Federation Intercontinental Champion Shawn Michaels, Tatanka went into the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina. That's the home of a proud tribe allied to Tatanka's Lumbees, the Cherokees. He sought out the elders of the Cherokee Nation and talked with them about his hopes and fears. Then he hiked up to a cliff, sat down on the edge, folded his arms and did some heavy-duty meditating. Word is that an eagle flew out of the sun and perched on a nearby tree. Tatanka has taken it as a sign that whatever happens, he will indeed soar like an eagle.



PREPARATIONS

HULK HOGAN PREPARED FOR WRESTLEMANIA IX WITH BURNING INTENSITY, ACCORDING TO THOSE IN THE KNOW. IT WAS THE OLD HULKSTER, HANGING AND BANGING. SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVE HE HEADED FOR THE RING IN THE BEST SHAPE EVER, AND FOR THE HULKSTER, THAT'S SAYING SOMETHING.

SHAWN MICHAELS HAD HIS OWN WAY OF PREPARING. HE LET ON THAT HE WAS PARTYING AND PARTYING. MAYBE HE DID A LITTLE, BUT IT WAS ALL FOR SHOW. IN REALITY, HE HIT THE GYM HARD, MAYBE HARDER THAN EVER BEFORE.

CRUSH WENT HOME TO HAWAII FOR A SHORT TIME JUST BEFORE THE BRAWL IN LAS VEGAS. HE WAS SEEN ON THE BEACH, PICKING UP COCONUTS AND CRUSHING THEM EASILY IN HIS POWERFUL HANDS.

THE HEAD SHRINKERS ALSO WENT TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC AND HIT THE BEACH. WE PROBABLY DON'T WANT TO KNOW HOW THEY PREPARED FOR WRESTLEMANIA IX. HOWEVER, AFTER THEY LEFT, THE SAND WAS LITTERED WITH THE GNAWED AND HALF-EATEN CARCASSES OF RAW FISH, SOME OF THEM STILL FLOPPING.

THE RICH GET RICHER

The Million Dollar Man along. Did Schyster Free suites, Ted DiBiase showed up gamble? Not him. He's chauffeured limo- in Las Vegas a few days too tight with a buck. usines, you name it. The early for *WrestleMania* IRS' job was to keep ac- casinos know that the IX. We've heard he count of DiBiase's win- Million Dollar Man is wanted to make the casi- nings. And sure enough, the highest roller of no circuit and try his DiBiase won big. them all. The problem— luck. Irwin R. Schyster Ted DiBiase is treated for the casinos—is that (IRS), his tag team part- royally by executive hosts he seems as lucky as he is ner in Money Inc., went at Las Vegas casinos. rich. The rich get richer.



LOONY?



Boy, has that mohawked Luna got it in for Sensational Sherri. These days Luna has been raving like a lunatic—is that where she gets her name?—about Sherri. There's no question that Luna truly hates her and is out to chase her from the World Wrestling Federation. Are there deep-seated reasons for this hatred? Or is Luna merely loony? We are going to try to find out.

MR. HUGHES

Mr. Hughes is not the kind of man to fool with. That's been made clear ever since he came to the Federation several months ago. Mr. Hughes is one mean fellow who



really works over his opponents. It looks as if that's what he did for a living outside the ring. Word has it that he was a bouncer and who knows what else. And we want to know how the devil he wrestles with those shades on. Hughes is another person we're going to investigate. **W**

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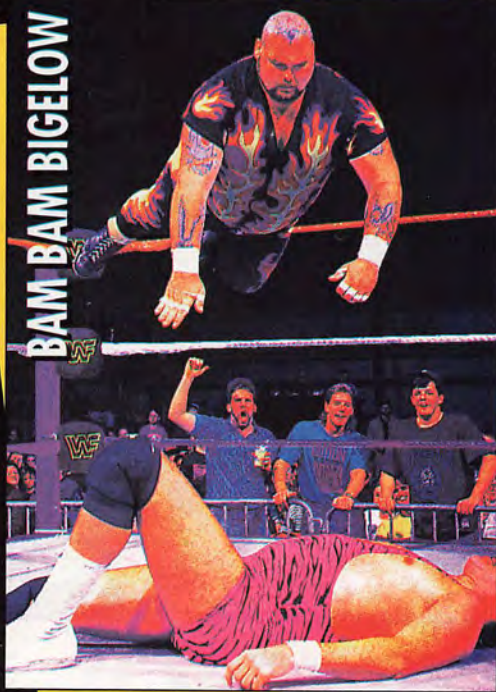
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360 LBS.

HEIGHT:
6'6"

FINISHING MOVE:
DIVING HEADBUTT



He's huge, and with his bald, tattooed skull, he sure isn't pretty. Neither is the way Bam Bam Bigelow approaches the mat wars. He's one of the ugliest customers that ever entered the World Wrestling Federation ring.

Bam Bam Bigelow is a vicious brute. There's no other way to say it. Worse, he glories in the fact. Bigelow has readily admitted that he really likes to beat the blazes out of people, especially when he has them so banged up that they aren't able to defend themselves.

Actually, few of his opponents are able to defend against Bam Bam's onslaughts. The man is a human tank who overwhelms his opponents with sheer power, size and brutality.

That is apparently the way it has been for Bam Bam throughout his adult life. Word is that he has worked as a bar bouncer and as a professional bounty hunter. In each of these occupations he was considered to be one of the most ruthless men in the trade.

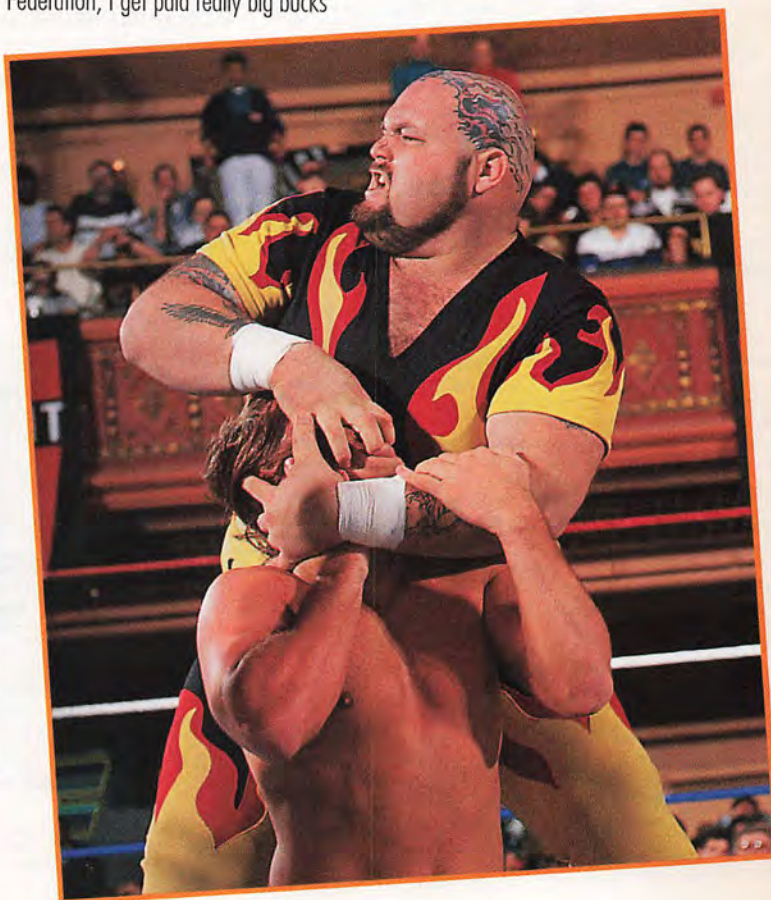
Bam Bam often brags that he has always had the best of jobs. "I like to beat up on people," he snarls. "Lucky me, I've always been able to get paid for doing it. And in the World Wrestling Federation, I get paid really big bucks

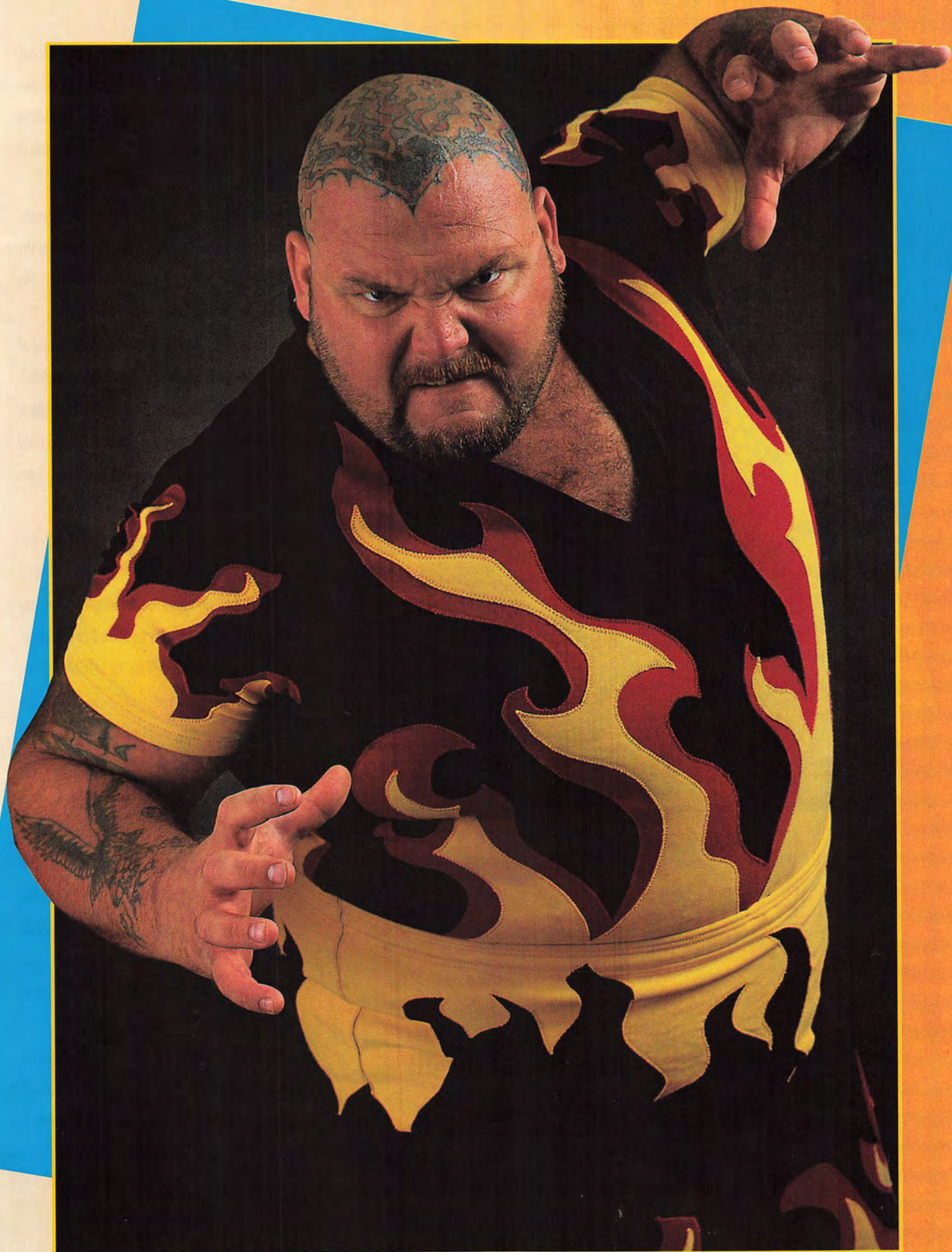
just for slapping punks around. I think that it's the best of all worlds."

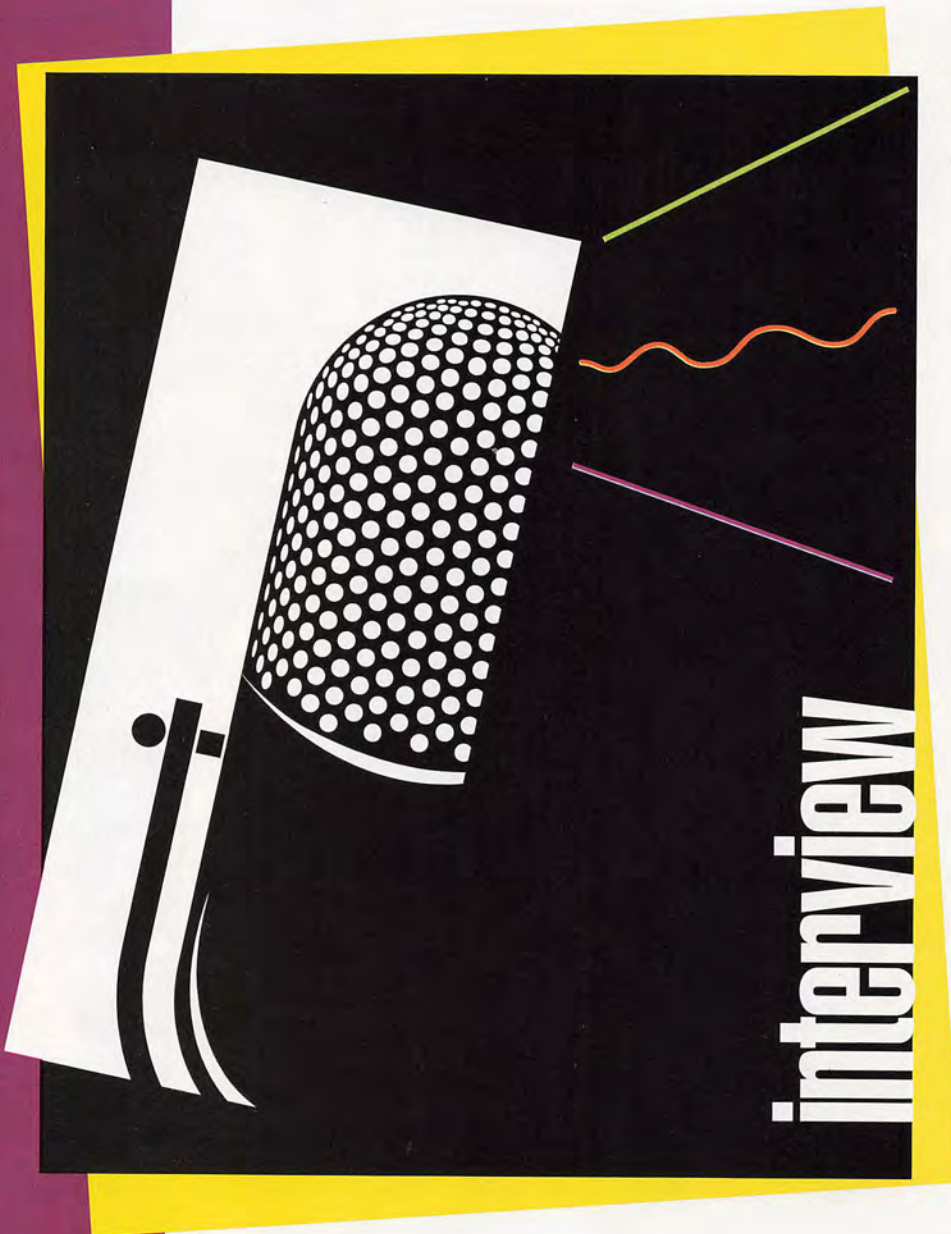
Bam Bam is especially hard on young rookies who take a chance and face him in desperate hope of doing well—or even scoring a win by some stroke of luck—and proving themselves. In such cases, Bigelow has a field day. He routinely prolongs the match long after he is capable of getting a pin just so he can inflict more punishment. He has put several opponents in the hospital in this way, and many a rookie has hung up his tights after being battered by Bam Bam.

As for veteran superstars, they know that any match with Bigelow could be career-ending. However, this attitude also works against Bam Bam. No smart wrestler ever goes into the ring against him without intense preparation and a readiness to be as ruthless as Bigelow. Superstars who normally try to wrestle by the rulebook end up going for the jugular against Bam Bam, because that is exactly what he does to them.

Be that as it may, Bam Bam Bigelow is one of the most feared and threatening presences in the World Wrestling Federation. Other wrestlers—no matter how successful—will never rest easy as long as he prowls the squared circle. **WF**







Jimmy says life has taken on an entirely new dimension. He is a man who is dedicated to his team.

Nobody ever thought Jimmy "Mouth of the South" Hart had compassion. Nobody ever had a reason to believe he possessed it, especially Hulk Hogan and Brutus "The Barber" Beefcake.

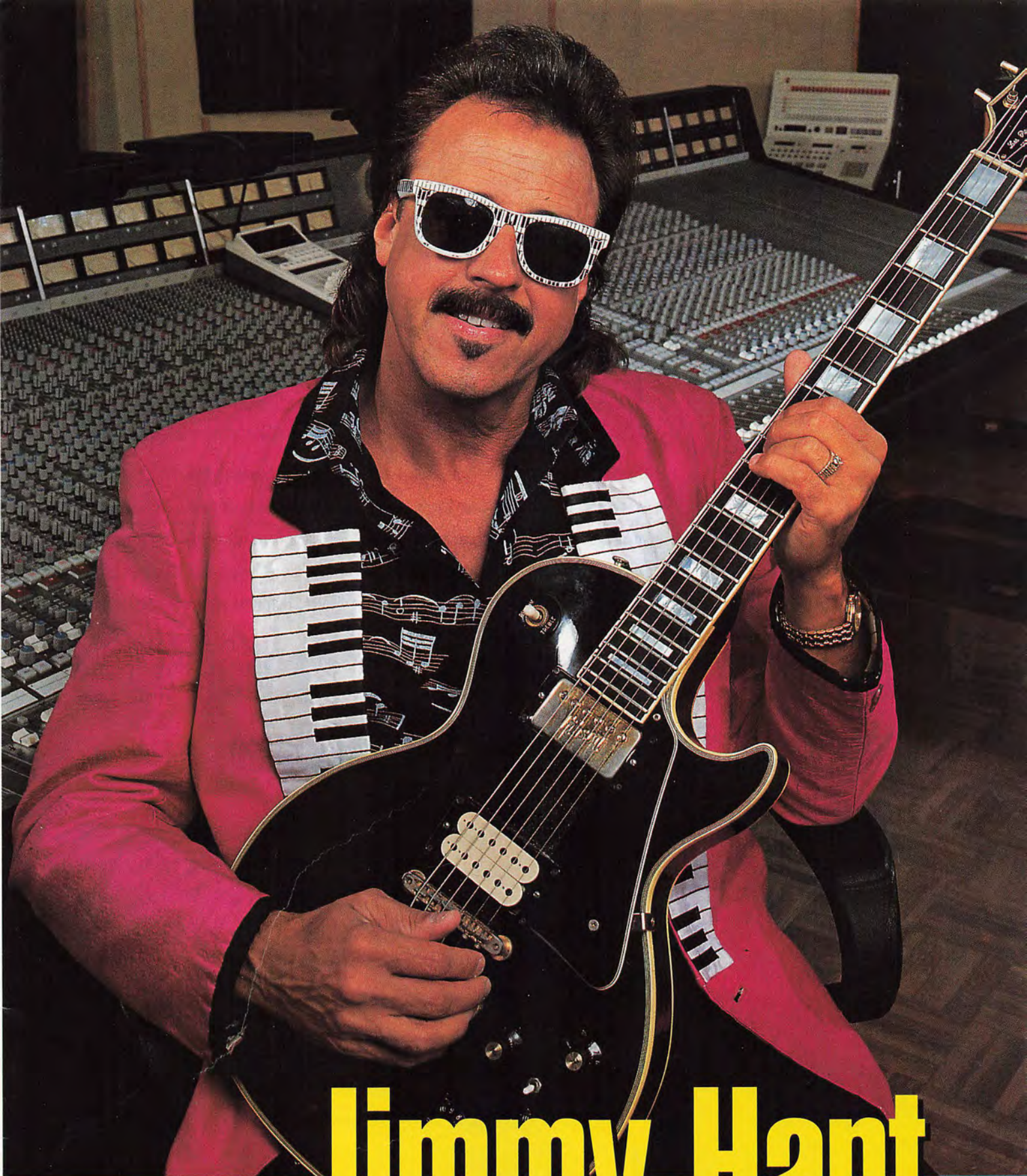
For years, the Mouth and the men he managed attempted to destroy the Hulkster and the Barber. The manager tried every trick in the book, but nothing worked.

However, Jimmy Hart had a change of heart this past winter when he rushed to Beefcake's rescue during his match with the Million Dollar Man of Money Inc., the squad Hart led to the tag team championship. The Mouth's actions surprised the world.

Beefcake and Hogan, known as the Mega-Maniacs, hired Jimmy as their manager. Jimmy says life has taken on an entirely new dimension. He is a man who is dedicated to his team. He is also a man dedicated to helping others, specifically the underprivileged and the ill. We interviewed Jimmy at Morrisound Recording Studio in Tampa, Florida, where he was laying down musical tracks for an upcoming song.

Editors: Jimmy, we know you're a very busy man these days. You're managing the Mega-Maniacs. You're working with the Hulkster on his television pilot called *Thunder in Paradise*. You're recording more music, and you're donating most of your spare time to charitable organizations. How does it feel?

Jimmy: It feels great, baby! All those things you said are right. First, my Mega-Maniacs are going to make history in the World Wrestling



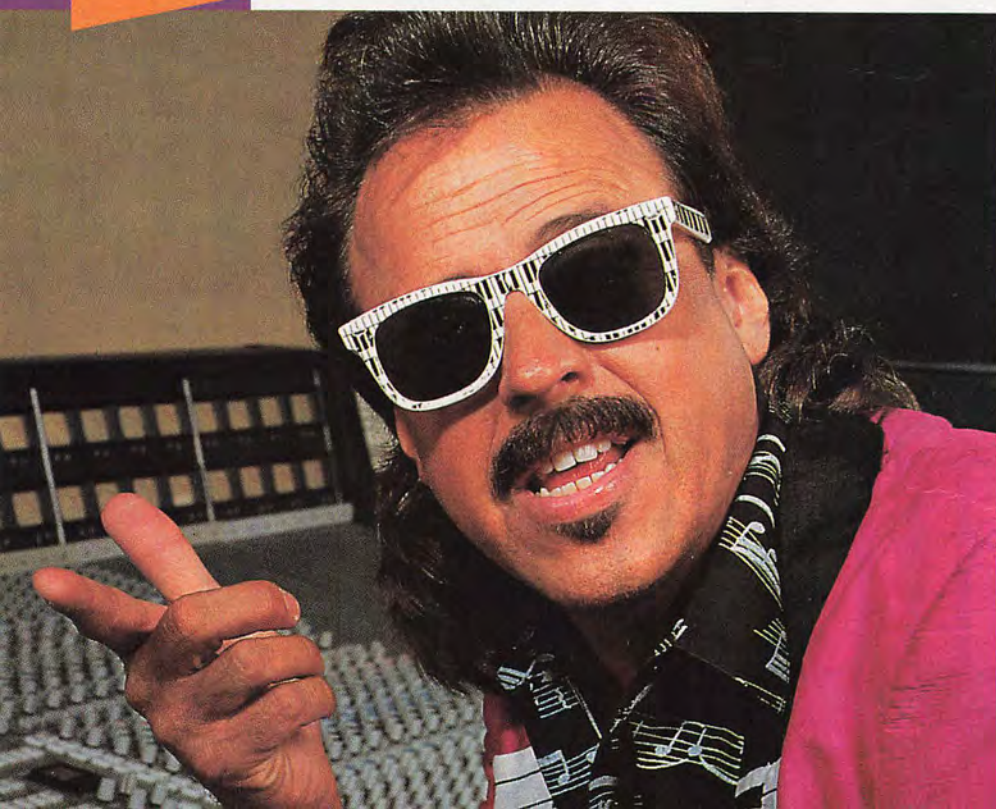
Jimmy Hart



Federation. The sky's the limit, baby! You know, over the years, I've been known to take a lot of shortcuts. But what goes around comes around. People still ask me why I came to the Barber's aid on *Monday Night Raw* when Mon-

ey Inc. was hammering him with a metal briefcase. I did it because the Barber had suffered enough pain. He had lost his mother to cancer. His father had died, and his wife filed for divorce. That's too much for one person to

"I feel that if I can right the wrongs I did, then I'll have done myself proud. And that's all I want to do."



handle, and I genuinely felt compassion for the man. The Hulkster saw this, and he asked me to manage the Mega-Maniacs, baby! I am ecstatic that he did!

Editors: How about *Thunder in Paradise*? We hear that you have a part in an episode.

Jimmy: That's right, the Mouth and the Hulkster have been shooting his pilot for network television here in Florida. And believe me, it was the thrill of my life. Now, because of contractual agreements, I can't tell you what

role I've been cast in, but you can rest assured it is hot. Hot! Red hot!

Editors: You've been involved in the entertainment industry your whole life. Would you like to detail that for us?

Jimmy: Well, I first got into music when I sang in the rock band the Gentrys. Our biggest single was *Keep on Dancin'*, and we even toured for a spell in the late '60s. Then, King Jerry Lawler—who cohosts *Superstars* every week—helped me get into wrestling as a manager. I started in Memphis and managed some of the best athletes in the world before coming to the Federation. Instead of merely great athletes, I began to manage superstars, guys who were known all over the world. I've been here ever since. But I haven't lost track of my musical roots. It's still a big part of my life. You know, few people are aware of this, but JJ Maguire—who is one of the finest session musicians I have ever met—and I write and record a lot of the superstars' entrance music. In fact, that's what we're doing here today. We're working on music for some of the new superstars. And the music is going to be rockin'! Just like the music JJ and I wrote and recorded for Crush, Bret "Hit Man" Hart, the Rocket Owen Hart and Beefcake.

Editors: We understand you're also heavily involved with various charitable organizations.

Jimmy: Yes, sir, and I wouldn't trade it for the world, daddy. I've always had a space in my heart for the people who need help and encouragement. The Hulkster really brought that

out in me when he defined what the red and the yellow were all about. My free time is spent participating in all kinds of charitable work.

Editors: Do you have any more comments concerning your life and your association with the Mega-Maniacs?

Jimmy: I'm never at a loss for words. You guys know that. You know, after managing several Tag Team Champions and several Intercontinental Champions, my whole attitude toward life changed when I joined up with the

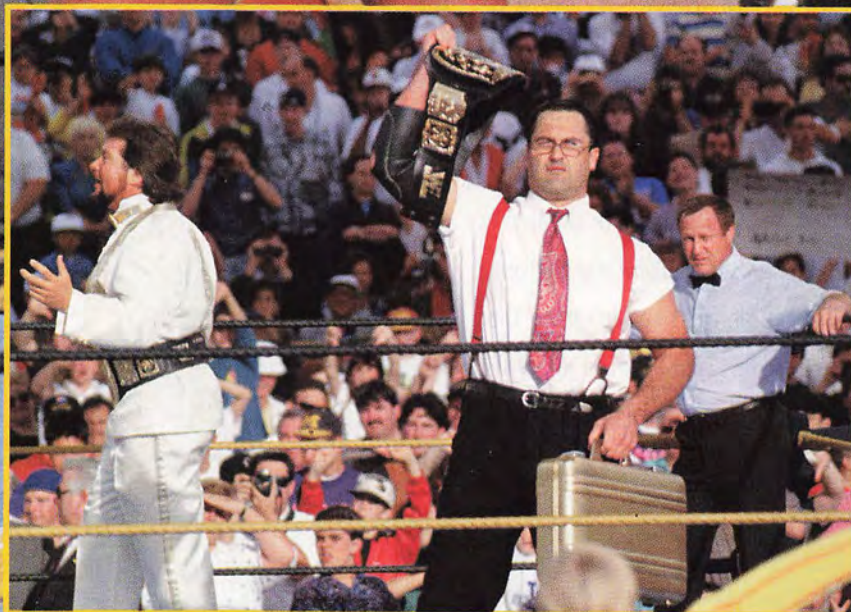
Hulkster and the Barber. I feel that if I can right the wrongs I did, then I'll have done myself proud. And that's all that I want to do. I want to help the Hulkster and the Barber the best way that I can. I want to stick with music and just go with the flow. After all, since the winter, I have been eating my vitamins, exercising, saying my prayers and believing not only in myself but in the Hulkster and the Barber, baby! It's a lifetime choice, and I'm glad I made it before it was too late! **WF**



EDITOR'S NOTE: We found Jimmy Hart to be a truly changed man. But the Mouth of the South can still talk faster than anyone we have ever interviewed before.

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WRESTLEMANIA IX RESULTS

NOT SINCE THE DAYS OF CHARIOT RACES AND GLADIATOR DUELS HAVE WE SEEN SUCH A COLOSSAL CLASH. FROM THE MOMENT CLEOPATRA AND CAESAR WERE SUMMONED TO LEAD A CAVALCADE OF ELEPHANTS, LLAMAS AND CAMELS TO THE RING, FANS KNEW WRESTLEMANIA IX WAS AN EVENT FOR THE AGES. HELD APRIL 4 AT CAESARS PALACE IN LAS VEGAS, IT WAS DUBBED "THE WORLD'S LARGEST TOGA PARTY," BUT FANS WILL REMEMBER MORE THAN THE FESTIVITIES OF THIS EVENT.

AS CELEBRITIES LIKE NATALIE COLE AND NEVADA GOVERNOR BOB MILLER LOOKED ON AND MILLIONS TUNED IN ON PAY-PER-VIEW, HULK HOGAN STUNNED THE WORLD BY CAPTURING HIS FIFTH FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIP IN AN UNSCHEDULED BATTLE. THE SUPERSTARS EXHILARATED SPECTATORS FROM AS FAR AWAY AS JAPAN, GERMANY AND NEW ZEALAND. BUT WE'RE GETTING AHEAD OF OURSELVES...

In a match for the Tag Team Title, Money Inc. squared off against Hart's Mega-Maniacs.



MONEY INC. vs THE MANIACS

FOR THE TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS



I guess money can buy everything," Hulk Hogan observed after being attacked the night before *WrestleMania* while leaving a gym in Las Vegas. He theorized that tag team champions Money Inc.—Irwin R. Schyster (IRS) and Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase—had paid a group of goons to prevent the Hulkster from coming to the ring with partner Brutus "The Barber" Beefcake in pursuit of the coveted title. But, his swollen face notwithstanding, Hogan came to the ring, ready to show Money Inc. that cash can't stop *Hulkamania*.

Beefcake, making a comeback after a tragic parasailing accident in which he suffered extensive facial injuries, was just as fervent about winning as was his teammate and best friend. With their manager Jimmy Hart shouting approval, Hogan and Beefcake—the Mega-Maniacs—battered their foes until Money Inc. took off for the dressing room. The pair



The match was a brutal affair, with both teams exchanging a barrage of heavy blows. Although the Maniacs were eventually disqualified, they savored the cheers of the thousands at hand.

only returned when the referee announced that he'd award the belts to the Maniacs via a count-out. Fearing the financial loss that comes with dropping a title, Money Inc. was more determined than ever. At one point, DiBiase clamped his notorious Million Dollar Dream sleeperhold on Hogan. The Hulkster struggled to stay conscious but seemed about to fade out when Beefcake rushed in and snared DiBiase in another sleeper. By the time the referee restored order, Hogan and DiBiase were both splayed on the mat.

Each recuperated sufficiently enough to re-engage the al-

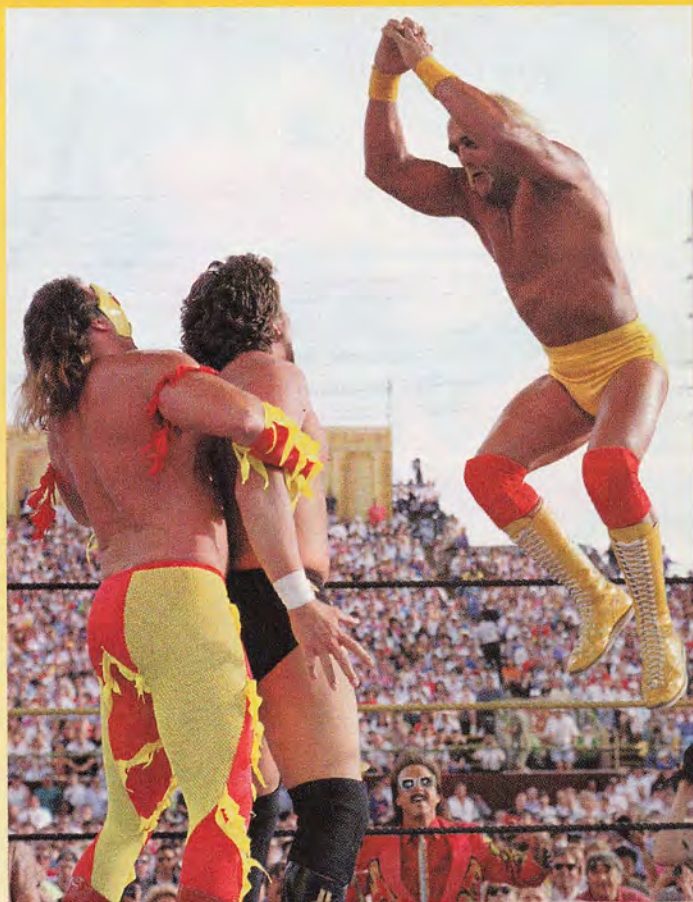


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tercation. Money Inc. even stunned the fans by yanking off Brutus' protective mask and going after his vulnerable facial structure. Struggling for his very existence, Beefcake ducked under a double clothesline, propelled himself off the ropes and—bam!—flattened both adversaries simultaneously with a devastating flying clothesline.

In the turmoil, the referee was rendered unconscious, but

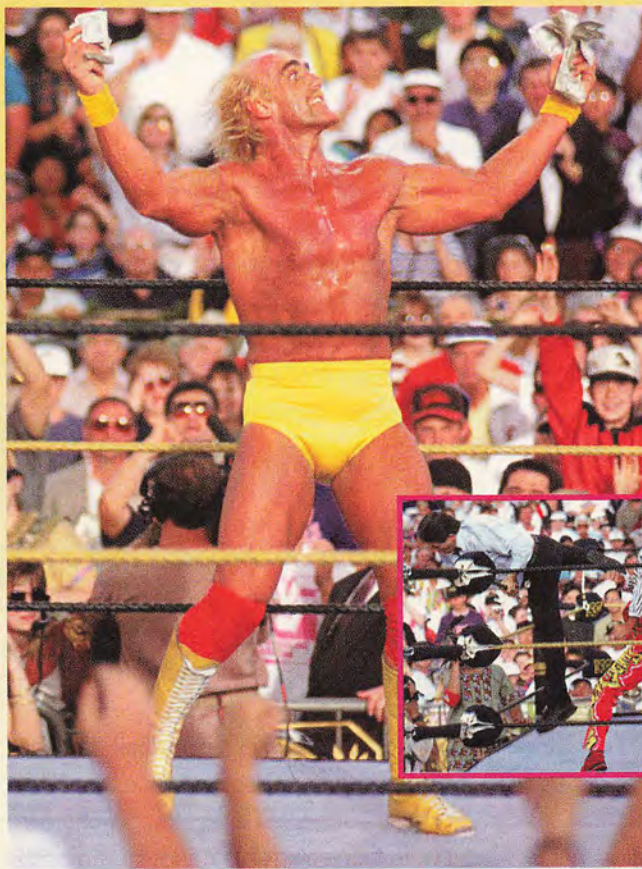


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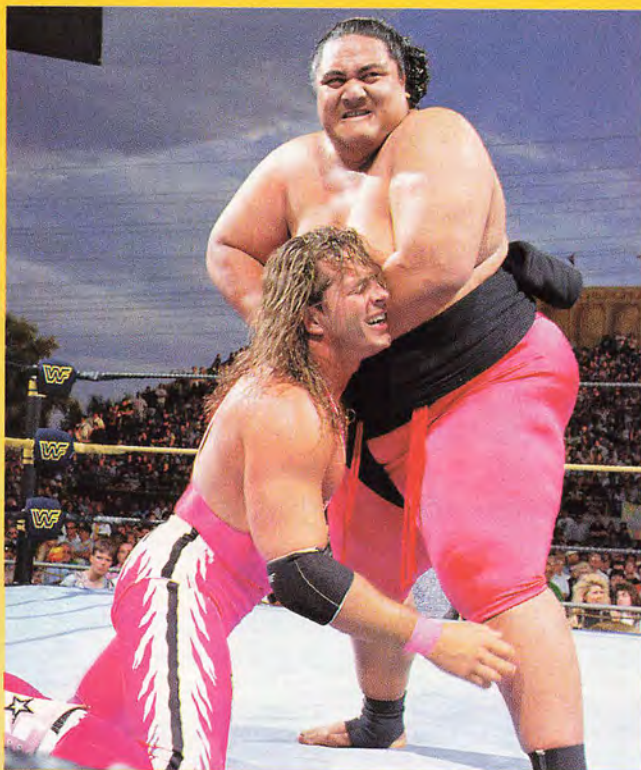
this did not stop the raging tide of *Hulkamania*. Hogan entered the fray and bashed both DiBiase and IRS with the steel face mask. Hogan covered DiBiase for the pin, and Beefcake did the same to IRS, but no official was available to count. However, Jimmy "Mouth of the South" Hart came to the rescue by turning his jacket inside out, revealing a striped referee's outfit and logging the unofficial pin.

Although the Mega-Maniacs' antics got them disqualified, they continued their surge, commandeering IRS' briefcase. Inside were, among other items, a brick, questionable financial documents and a hefty sum of cash that the Maniacs doled out to fans at ringside.

The Hulkster would turn up again later in the evening. By doing so, he added a new chapter to *Hulkamania*.



BRET "HIT MAN" HART FOR THE WORLD WRESTLING



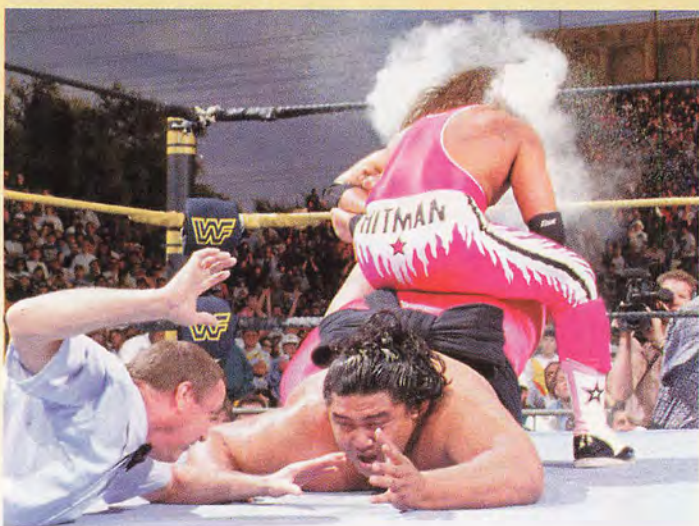
Going into *WrestleMania IX*, fans expected to see an interesting battle between two of the most classic styles of combat art. As a former championship-level sumo wrestler, Yokozuna is an immense monolith who can move with the grace of a lightweight. Hart, the Federation's Champion since October, is renowned the world over for his "excellence of execution." As anticipated, the match was a thriller. What no one counted on was the bizarre and unprecedented outcome and turns of events that nobody expected.

Calgary native Bret started the match with the same ferocity as an Alberta clipper, a deadly blizzard often originating in the Hit Man's home province. As the bell rang, he raced across the ring and plowed into his Polynesian rival with a running dropkick. Even when Yokozuna shoulderblocked Hart out of the ring, Bret kept fighting, reaching up to trip his massive foe, then climbing to the apron and catapulting himself on top of the man-mountain.

Using his size to his advantage, Yokozuna took the lead with such power moves as legdrops, clotheslines and martial arts thrusts. When Yokozuna attempted to lift Hart out of a corner for more treachery in the center of the ring, Hart desper-

ately held on to a turnbuckle, pulling off the protective pad.

Moments later, when Yokozuna attempted to smash Bret into the exposed metal, Hart reversed the maneuver, knocking Yokozuna dizzy. The former sumo Grand Champion fell onto his belly and was instantly trapped in Bret Hart's Sharpshooter—the same hold that won him the championship.



HART vs YOKOZUNA

FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIP

But fate wasn't on the Hit Man's side. From ringside, Yokozuna's manager, Mr. Fuji, blinded Hart with a handful of ceremonial salt, and the challenger covered Bret for the pin and the World Wrestling Federation Title.

Suddenly, Hulk ran down to the ring to debate the controversial finish and tend to his friend Bret. Seeing the legend of the ring, Fuji instantly—and, some would say, arrogantly—

In one of the most heralded Federation title matches of all time, Bret Hart battled Yokozuna. Yokozuna defeated Hart for the Championship but soon lost it when he challenged the Hulkster.



BATTLE OF THE TITANS



dared Hogan to try to snag Yokozuna's newly won belt.

With Hart urging the Hulkster to "go for it, brother," Hogan stepped through the ropes. Yokozuna pounded the immortal competitor before grabbing him from behind for another flurry of Fuji's salt. Fortunately, the Hulkster ducked, and Yokozuna was blinded. Hogan went to work, administering a clothesline and a legdrop before scoring the pin and ensuring his place in the World Wrestling Federation Hall of Fame by winning the belt for an amazing fifth time.

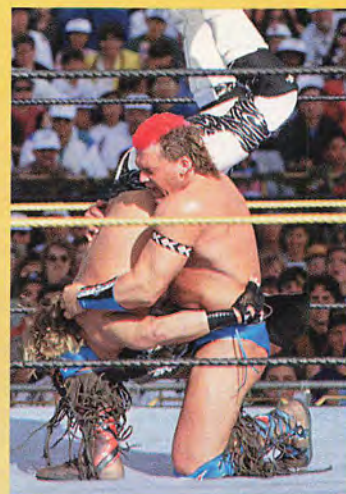
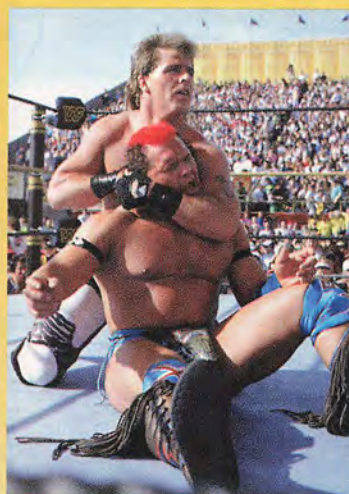
Afterward, Bret's supporters claimed the Hit Man came into the match at less than 100 percent after a confrontation earlier in the day at the traditional *WrestleMania* brunch. **WF**

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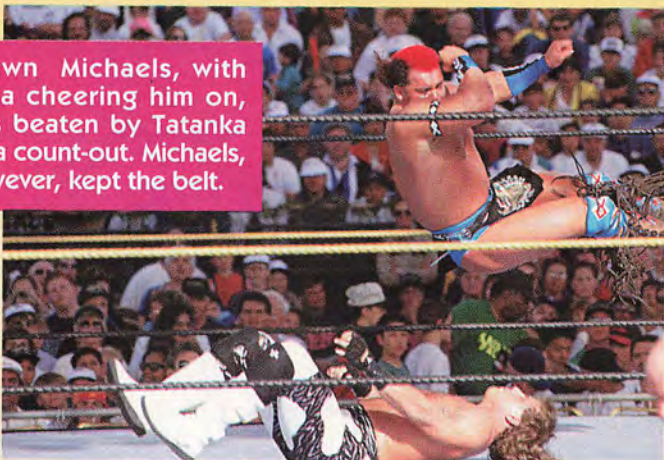
THE EXCITEMENT

SHAWN MICHAELS vs TATANKA

FOR THE INTERCONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP



Shawn Michaels, with Luna cheering him on, was beaten by Tatanka via a count-out. Michaels, however, kept the belt.



mentum sent him crashing, shoulder-first, into the ringpost.

Still, no amount of pain could slow down these premier competitors. When Tatanka was on the arena floor, Michaels ignored his bad shoulder to leap off the ring apron and deliver a jarring clothesline. After enduring two modified victory rolls from the champion, Tatanka rallied back, actually catching Shawn in mid-air during a dropkick attempt and catapulting him into the corner.

Soon the ring was too small to contain these furious athletes. As they battled outside the ring, Michaels sensed he was going to be counted out and opted to pull the referee to ring-side. The result was an instant disqualification.

However, the turbulence did not subside. After the bell, Luna unleashed her rage on Sherri, clotheslining, bodyslamming and kicking her and later continuing the assault at the first aid station in a different part of Caesars Palace.

It would be one of several sneak attacks on *WrestleMania* Sunday. But we're getting ahead of ourselves...

After his breakup with former manager Sensational Sherri, Shawn Michaels came to defend his Intercontinental Championship with a new weapon: the wild-haired, leather-clad Luna Vachon.

As for Tatanka, he was relying on skill, Native American pride—and the unexpected moral support of Sherri in his corner. Early on, Tatanka's strategy appeared to be working on Michaels' injured shoulder. It didn't help when Shawn charged at Tatanka and the Indian moved out of the way. Michaels' mo-

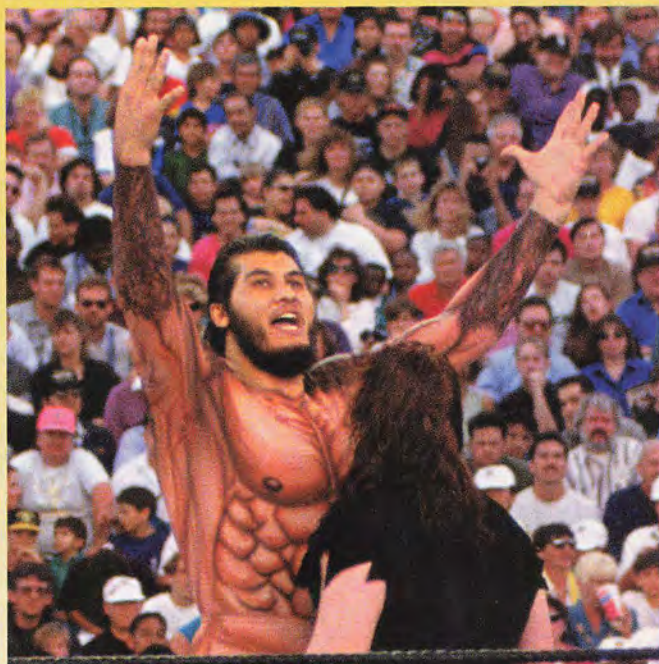
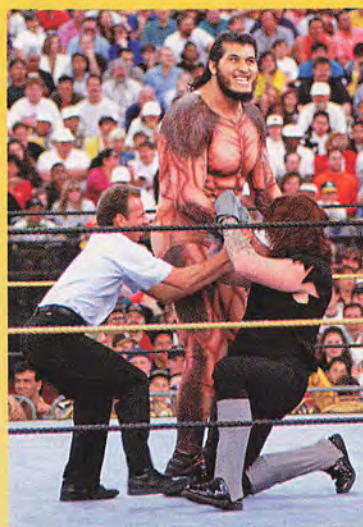
WRESTLEMANIA IX

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THE UNDERTAKER vs GIANT GONZALEZ

As a harbinger of things to come, the Undertaker arrived for his duel to the death in a funeral chariot, accompanied by a vulture. In the ring, the nearly 8-foot-tall Giant Gonzalez looked out at his foe, intending to entomb him.

The Undertaker seemed to call upon the souls of his dearly departed to assist him in giving the Giant his last rites. When Gonzalez pounded the Pale Destroyer to one knee, the Undertaker came back with uppercuts, rocking the most menacing athlete in the World Wrestling Federation. Then the Undertaker climbed to the second rope—raising himself higher than his foe—to deliver a vicious choke. To add to the surreal mood, the Grim Reaper of wrestling walked across the top rope before lowering an elbow onto the Giant.



The Undertaker went up against Giant Gonzalez, who was disqualified for smothering the Undertaker with a sedative.



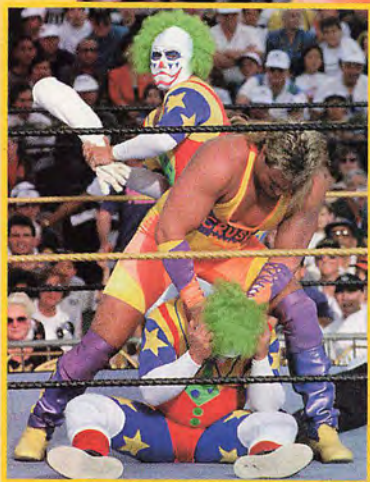
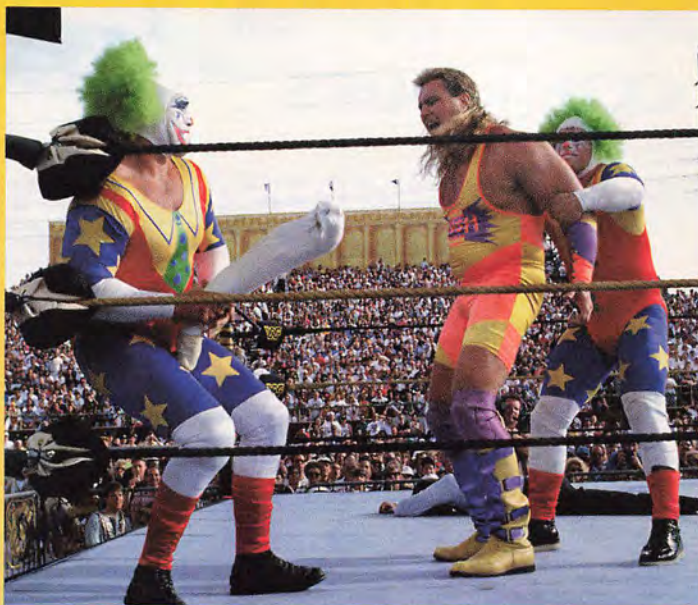
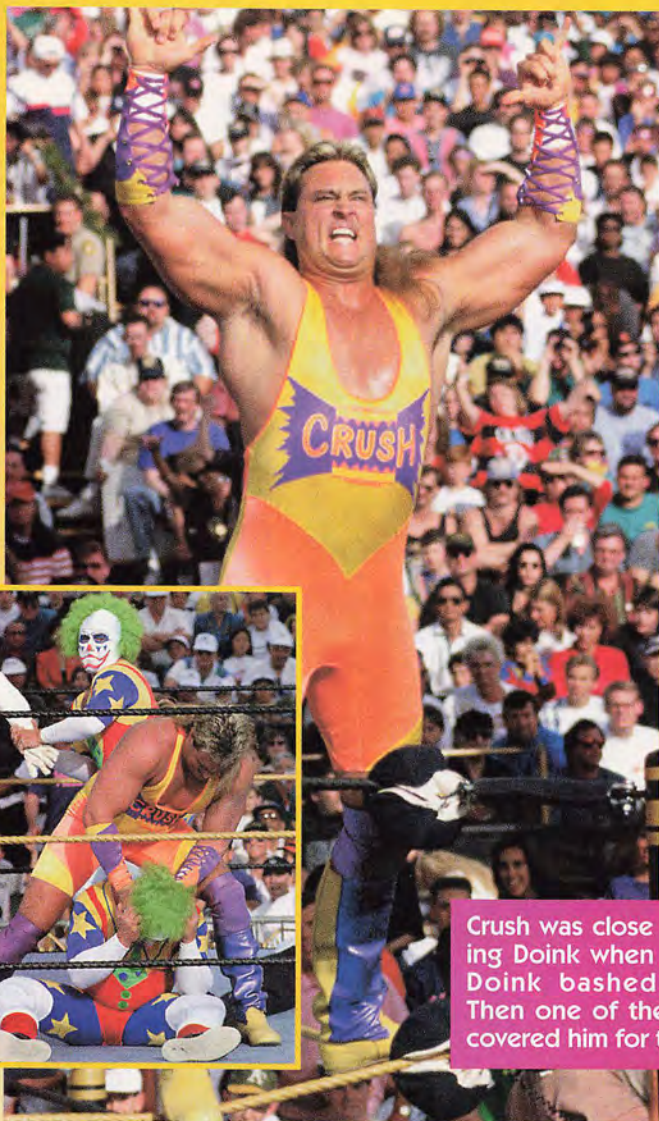
But Gonzalez thrived outside the ring. After executing a series of chops, the Living Myth of the Andes tossed the Undertaker into the steel ring steps, knocking them over.

It was only through the power of the Undertaker's urn that he recovered. As manager Paul Bearer displayed the mysterious object, the Undertaker re-entered the ring.

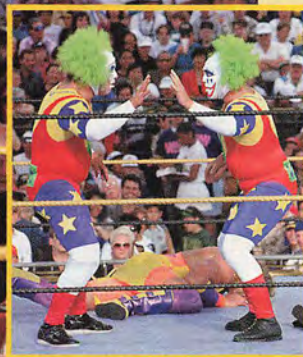
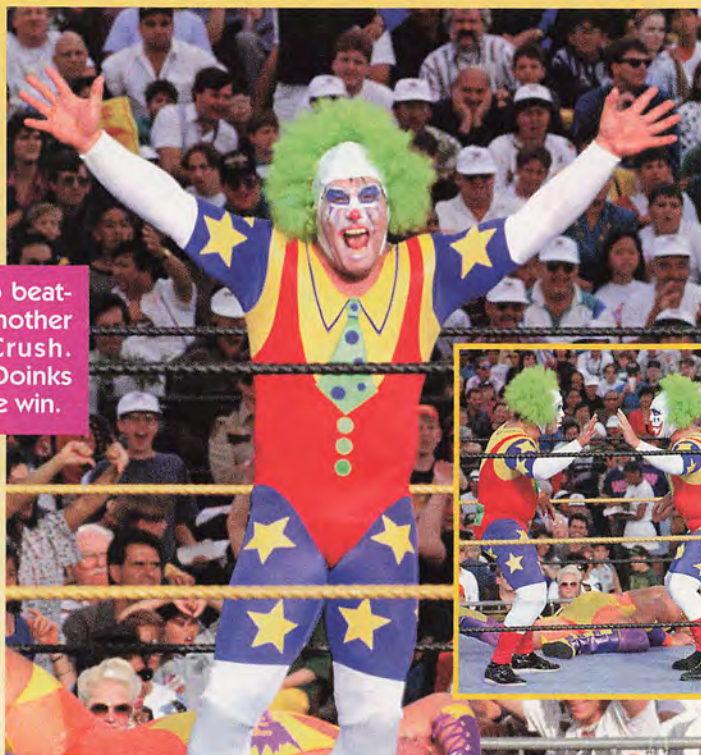
However, Gonzalez' manager Harvey Wippleman had a devious and potentially lethal plot literally tucked up his sleeve. He produced a handkerchief doused with some kind of sedative for the Giant to attempt to smother his foe. The chemical overtook the Undertaker. But, after being carted away on a stretcher by paramedics, he mysteriously returned to continue fighting with Gonzalez, who'd already been disqualified.

As Macho Man Randy Savage noted, "You can't kill a dead man." And, as another match proved, there are two sides to every story. But we're getting ahead of ourselves...

CRUSH vs DOINK THE CLOWN



Crush was close to beating Doink when another Doink bashed Crush. Then one of the Doinks covered him for the win.



After suffering partial paralysis and a severe concussion at the hands of the sadistic prankster Doink months earlier, Crush came to *WrestleMania IX* with vengeance on his mind. Before the bell even rang, he chased Doink around ringside, pulled off his coat, bodyslammed him on the cement floor and ran his head into the steel ringpost.

But Doink showed that he wasn't there to joke around. He stunned Crush with a piledriver and exhibited exceptional strength and ring skills.

Yet something seemed odd about Doink's game plan. Whenever he got into trouble, he started to crawl under the ring as if he were searching for some secret weapon.

The pieces of the puzzle began to fit together after the referee was knocked out in a collision. As Crush snapped up Doink in the Cranium Crush, a second Doink appeared, smashing Crush with a lead-filled prosthesis—the same device used on Crush in the original attack.

Crush fell to the mat unconscious as one of the Doinks covered him for the pin and the other retreated beneath the ring. When a second official came down to ringside to dispute the decision, apparently the imposter had vanished quicker than a David Copperfield illusion.

It was not the only moment in which a popular superstar was outwitted at *WrestleMania IX*. But—you guessed it—we're getting ahead of ourselves...

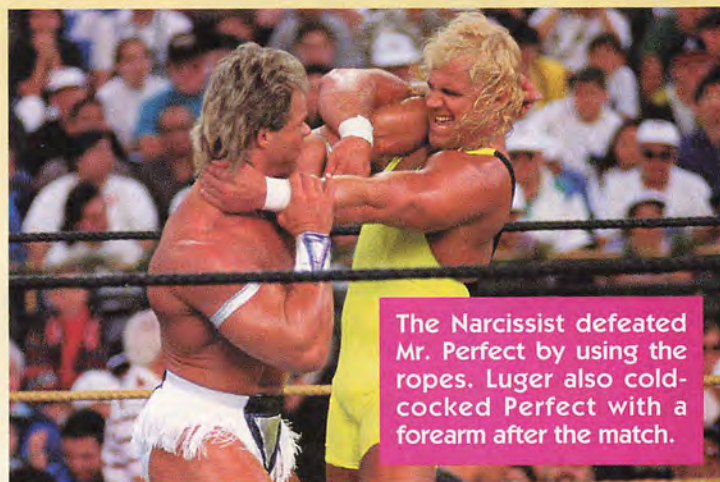
MR. PERFECT vs THE NARCISSIST LEX LUGER

In Las Vegas, a city some call "the boxing capital of the world," Luger was obviously in a pugilistic mood. At a World Wrestling Federation-sponsored breakfast benefit the morning of *WrestleMania*, he inexplicably attacked Bret Hart, knocking him senseless. After lunch, he focused on knocking off Mr. Perfect.

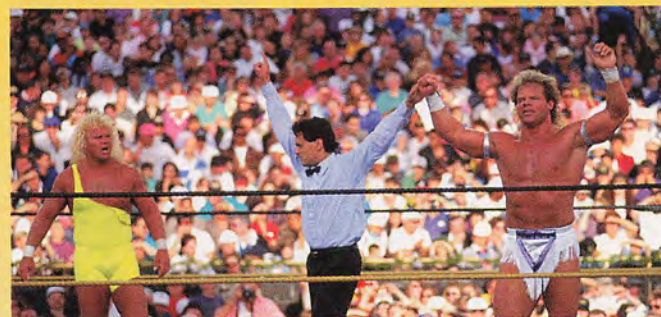
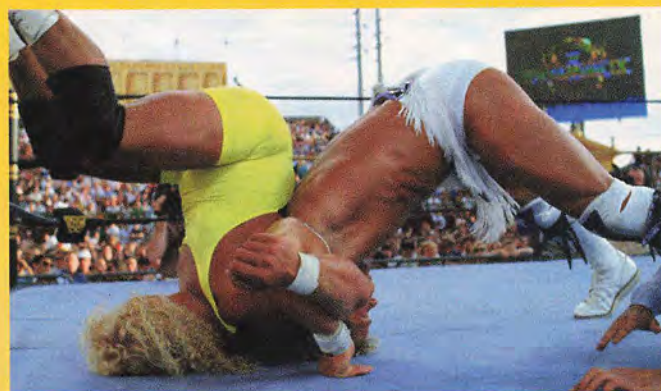
Luger came to the ring escorted by four bikini-clad beauties, each holding mirrors—and the attention of all males in the crowd. Fully aware that Perfect's back had been injured several years ago, the Narcissist immediately went for his adversary's most vulnerable spot.

But Perfect had recovered from adversity before and was determined to do so again. He came close to humbling Luger with a sunset flip, a slingshot into the corner and an explosive dropkick off the top rope.

Proving that he's as much a mental athlete as a physical specimen, the Narcissist put his mind to work when Perfect attempted a backslide. First, he powered out of the maneuver.



The Narcissist defeated Mr. Perfect by using the ropes. Luger also cold-cocked Perfect with a forearm after the match.



Then he administered one of his own, aware that Perfect's feet were wedged against the ring ropes. Consumed by the intensity of mat warfare, the arbiter only noticed Perfect's shoulders while counting to three.

To add insult to injury, Luger blasted Perfect after the bell, dropping him with a running forearm to the chin. From our vantage point, the staff of *World Wrestling Federation Magazine* was incredulous that a single forearm could knock out a rugged competitor of Mr. Perfect's caliber. We are currently conducting an investigation of the circumstances and will report our findings in a future issue.

Minutes after his defeat, Perfect revived himself and went to a garage area on the Caesars property to stalk Luger. When Perfect finally encountered the Narcissist, a wild melee ensued in which Shawn Michaels—of all people—intervened by bashing Perfect repeatedly with a garbage can and a broomstick.

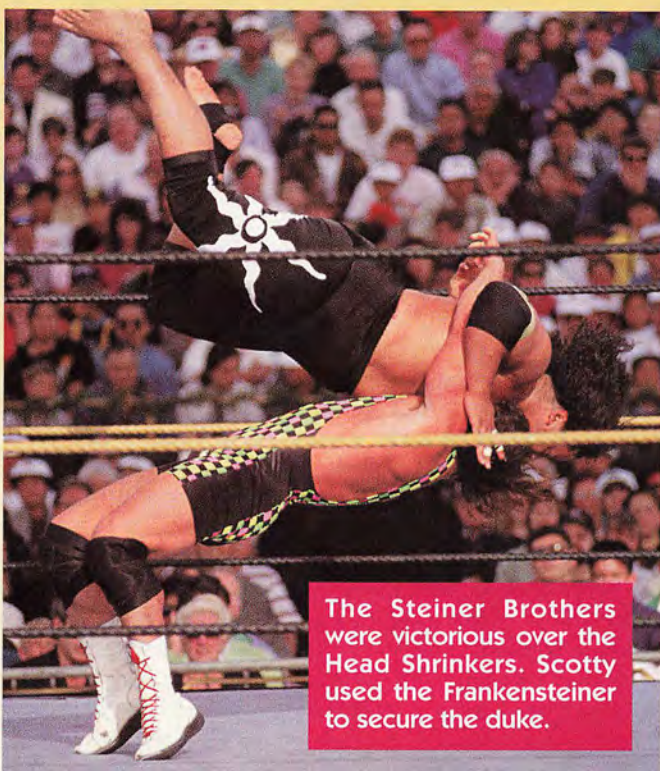
Luger's dominance at *WrestleMania* would be indicative of a new breed of wrestler emerging in the World Wrestling Federation. But—that's right—we're getting ahead of ourselves...

THE STEINER BROTHERS vs THE HEAD SHRINKERS

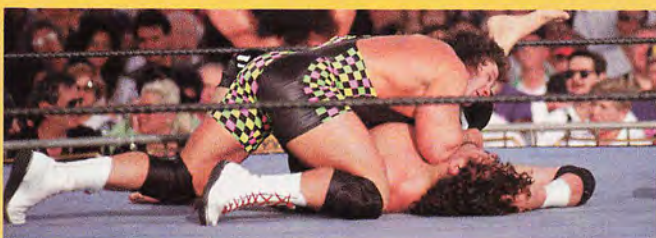
Rick and Scott Steiner and their opponents, the Head Shrinkers—Samu and Fatu—personify the multi-faceted athletes governing World Wrestling Federation rings in the 1990s. Both teams are fast, brutal and fearless.

That attitude was evident from the early moments of the match when Fatu and Scott went punch for punch, with neither concerned about his own safety. The point was to outlast the other one and to do so at all costs.

Throughout the battle, both of the teams endured tremendous punishment and still managed to rebound. After the Stein-



The Steiner Brothers were victorious over the Head Shrinkers. Scotty used the Frankensteiner to secure the duke.

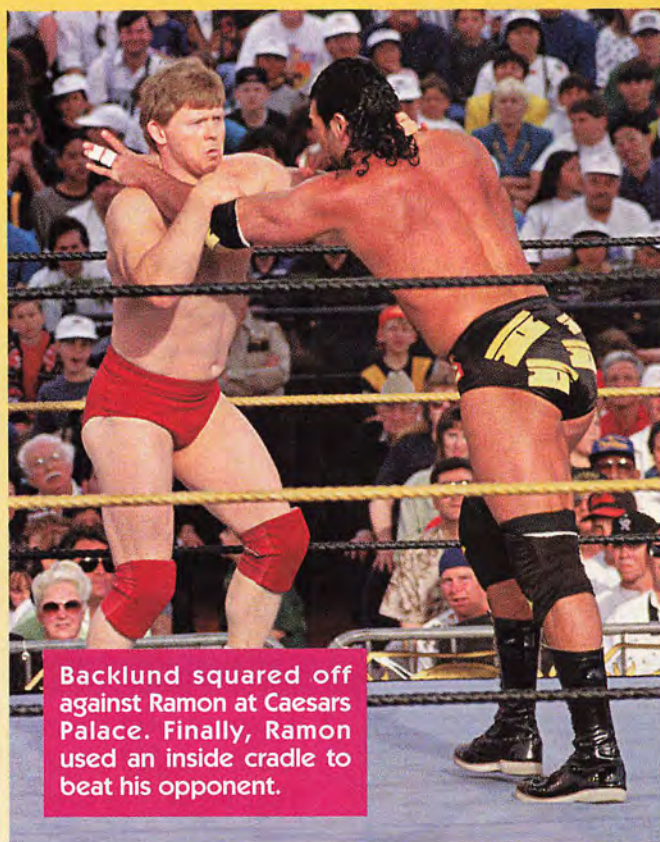


ers were hurled from the ring, both Rick and Scott ascended the same turnbuckle and launched into their adversaries with a double flying clothesline.

After a Head Shrinker surge, Rick was lifted onto Fatu's shoulders. But when Samu came off the top rope with a clothesline of his own, Rick remarkably grabbed him in mid-air and executed a high-impact powerslam. A short time later, Scott won the match after dispensing the Samoan with the daring Frankensteiner.

The outcome was a case of technical smarts beating jungle smarts—a situation reversed in another match. Oh, but we're getting ahead of ourselves again, aren't we?

BOB BACKLUND vs RAZOR RAMON



Backlund squared off against Ramon at Caesars Palace. Finally, Ramon used an inside cradle to beat his opponent.

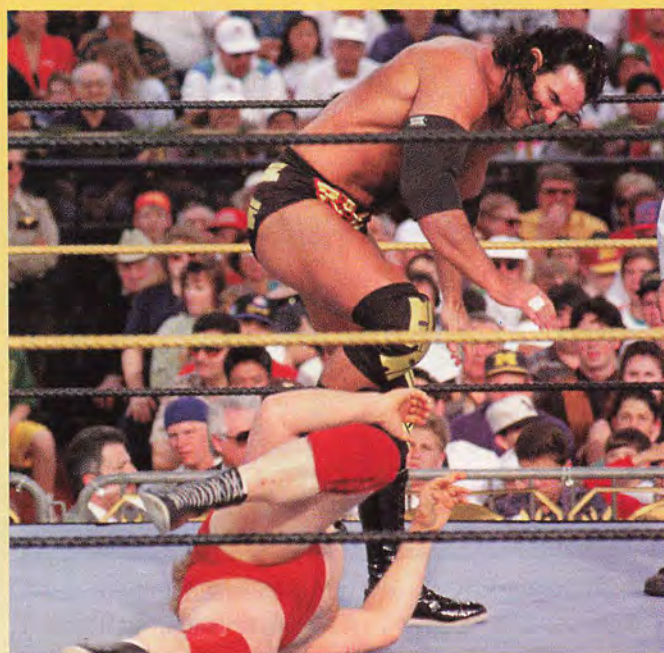
Both Backlund, one of the all-time greats ever to compete on the amateur and professional mat, and Ramon, the savvy former Cuban national standout and self-proclaimed "bad guy," came into this match in peak condition. Backlund was expected to use his scientific skills; Ramon, his gutter instincts.

The initial stages of the contest saw Backlund act as expected, leveling Ramon with a series of single leg-trips, hip-tosses and a double-underhook suplex. But Ramon overwhelmed his opponent and astonished the world by flawlessly cradling Backlund for a quick pin, proving that even wrestling legends can be bested with the right tactics.

As commentator Bobby Heenan stated, "He pinned the wrestler with wrestling."



As of press time, both of these combatants were discussing their chances in the *King of the Ring* tournament, to be seen on pay-per-view from the Nutter Center in Dayton, Ohio, on June 13. Sorry, we got ahead of ourselves again... **WF**



OFFICIAL WRESTLEMANIA IX RESULTS AS THEY HAPPENED

- 1 Tatanka defeated Shawn Michaels by count-out. Michaels retained his Intercontinental Championship because titles can only change hands via pinfall or submission.
- 2 The Steiners defeated the Head Shrinkers with the Frankenstein.
- 3 Doink pinned Crush after another Doink appeared on the scene.
- 4 Razor Ramon bested Bob Backlund with an inside cradle.
- 5 Money Inc. got by the Mega-Maniacs via disqualification when the

- Mega-Maniacs used a metal briefcase against DiBiase and IRS.
- 6 Lex Luger beat Mr. Perfect.
- 7 The Undertaker gained a disqualification win over Giant Gonzalez.
- 8 Yokozuna captured the World Wrestling Federation Title from Bret Hart after Mr. Fuji blinded the Hit Man with salt.
- *9 Hogan won the belt from Yokozuna stinging him with a legdrop.
- * Non-scheduled match.

Trivia

By Larry Humber

We're back with more trivia. As usual, there are five categories of questions. Award yourself one point for answering the first question in each category, two points for answering the second and three for the third, the most difficult. A perfect score is 30, and all of the answers can be found in back issues of this magazine.

If you score between 25-30, you're not missing much. Between 20-25, well done. Between 15-20, not bad. Less than 10, you can do better.

RUMBLES WITH HULK



- 1 The immortal Hulk Hogan won his first *Royal Rumble* in 1990. Who was the last superstar he ousted?
- 2 Hulk won the *Royal Rumble* again the next year. Do you remember what behemoth he last eliminated?
- 3 Hulk fought hard at the 1992 *Royal Rumble*, but luck was not on his side that day. The Hulkster did have the pleasure of eliminating what former Federation Champion?

FEDERATION STUFF



- 1 A Superstar wall clock is now advertised in the Merchandise Catalog. Is the Hulkster pictured on the clock's face?
- 2 *Monday Night Raw* can be regularly seen on which television network?
- 3 Teddy bears resembling four superstars are now advertised in the Merchandise Catalog. Can you name the four superstars?

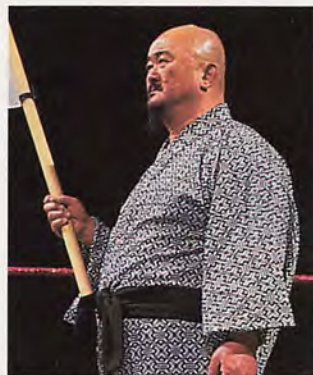
DATES TO REMEMBER



- 1 Canada's last Thanksgiving took place on October 12, 1992. Federation history was also made that day. Can you explain?
- 2 Do you remember on what date in 1990 *SummerSlam* occurred?
- 3 What memorable World Wrestling Federation event took place on March 31, 1985?

ISLAND HOPPING

- 1 The Bushwhackers hail from what island nation?
- 2 Bobby "The Brain" Heenan figures too much sun and too many coconuts have left the people of what islands short on brains?
- 3 Where did Mr. Fuji make contact with Yokozuna?



WHO DAT?



- 1 Which tag team was recently described in this magazine as "monsters from the South Seas"?
- 2 Who is the "Beast of the East"?
- 3 Which Federation superstar likes to call people "chico"?

The answers are: **RUMBLES WITH HULK**, Mr. Perfect, Earthquake, and the Undertaker; **FEDERATION STUFF**, yes, USA Network, and the Undertaker, Bret Hart, Hulk Hogan and Randy Savage; **DATES TO REMEMBER**, Bret Hart defeated Ric Flair for the Championship that day, August 27, and *WrestleMania I* took place on that date; **ISLAND HOPPING**, New Zealand, the Hawaiian Islands and the Polynesian Islands; **WHO DAT?**, the Head Shrinkers, Bam Bam Bigelow, and Razor Ramon.

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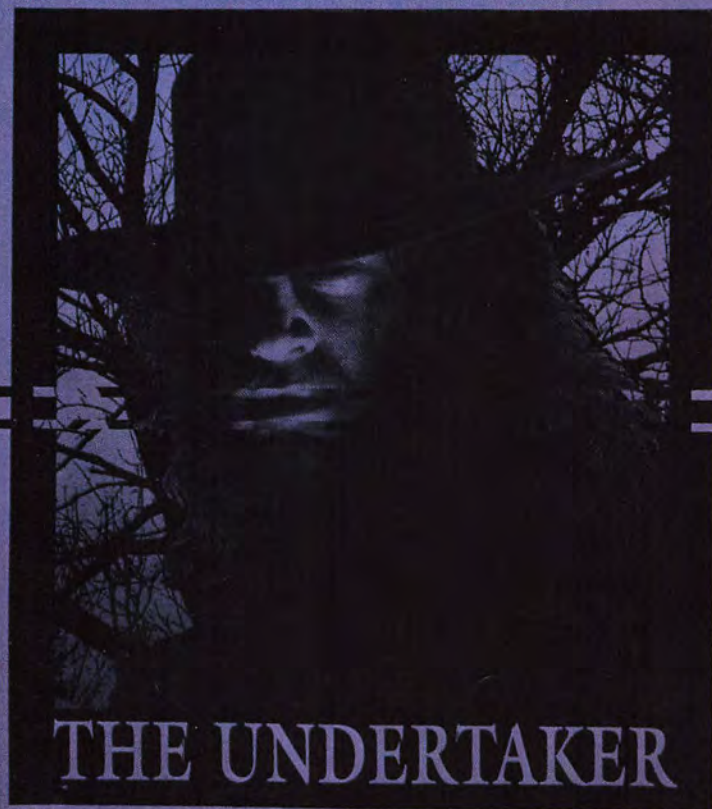
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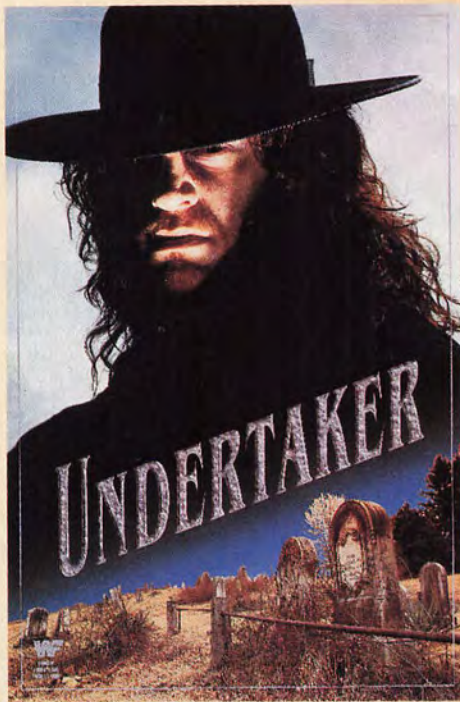
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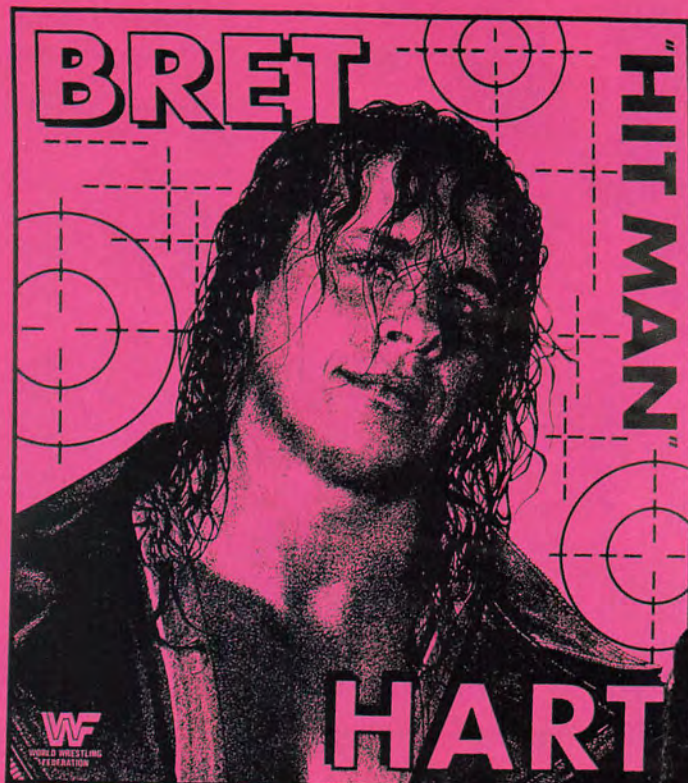
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Titles held: World Wrestling Federation Championship Title, Intercontinental Title (two times), co-held Tag Team Title (two times)



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Birthday: August 11

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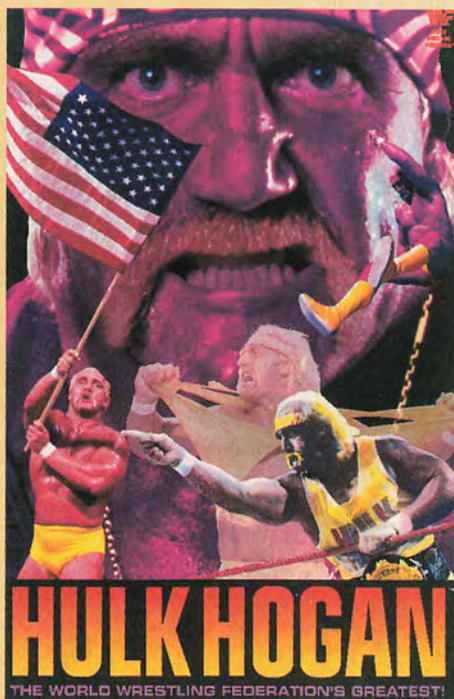
From: Sarasota, Florida

Trademark finishing move: Elbow off the top ropes

Known for: His polished ability and killer instinct

Favorite quote: "Oh yeah! Dig it!"

Titles held: World Wrestling Federation Championship Title (two times), Intercontinental Title



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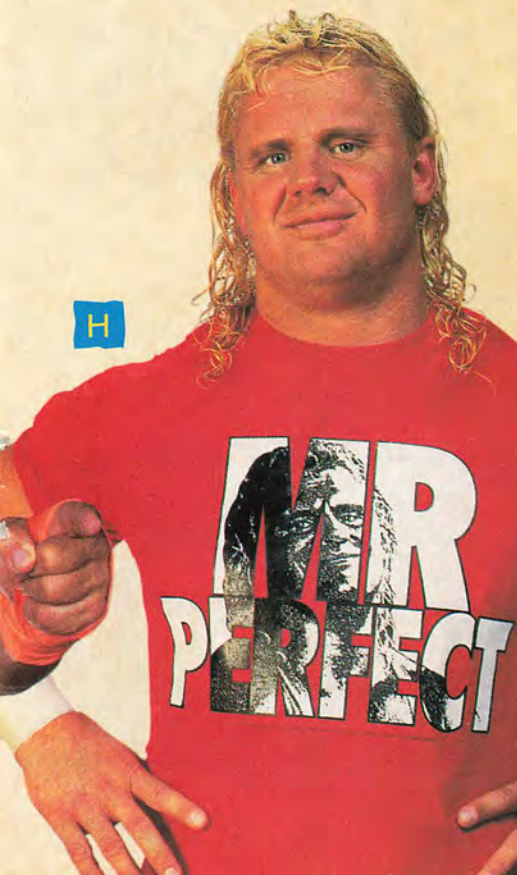
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Known for: Being one of the best up-and-coming tag team duos in the World Wrestling Federation

Favorite quote:

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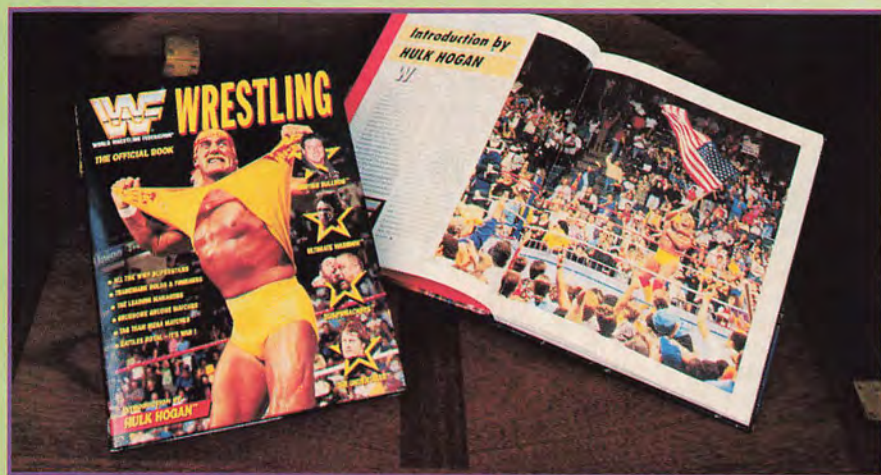
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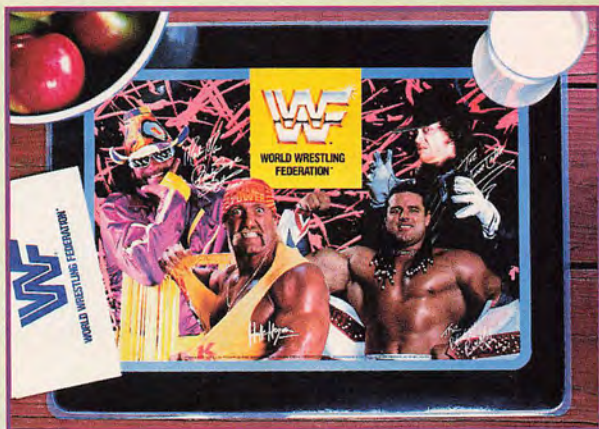
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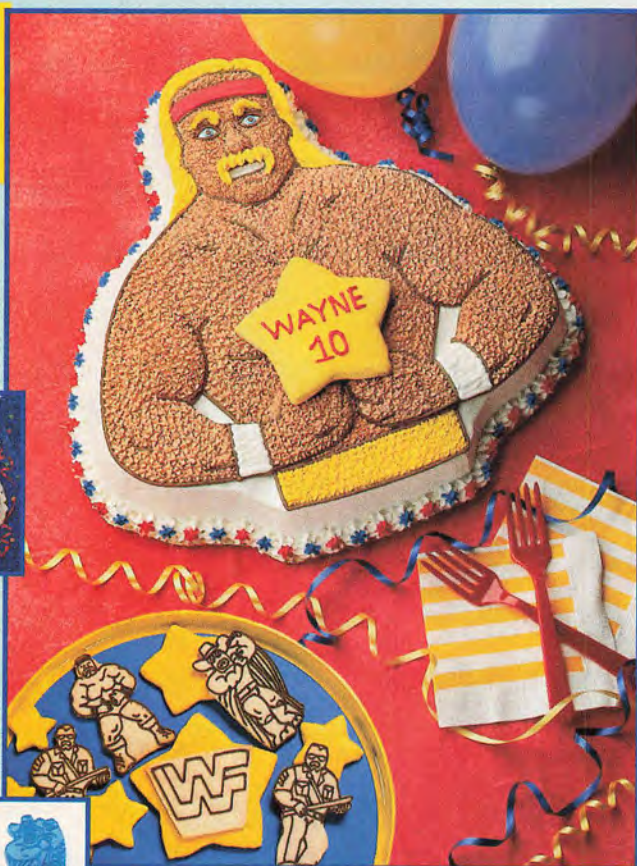
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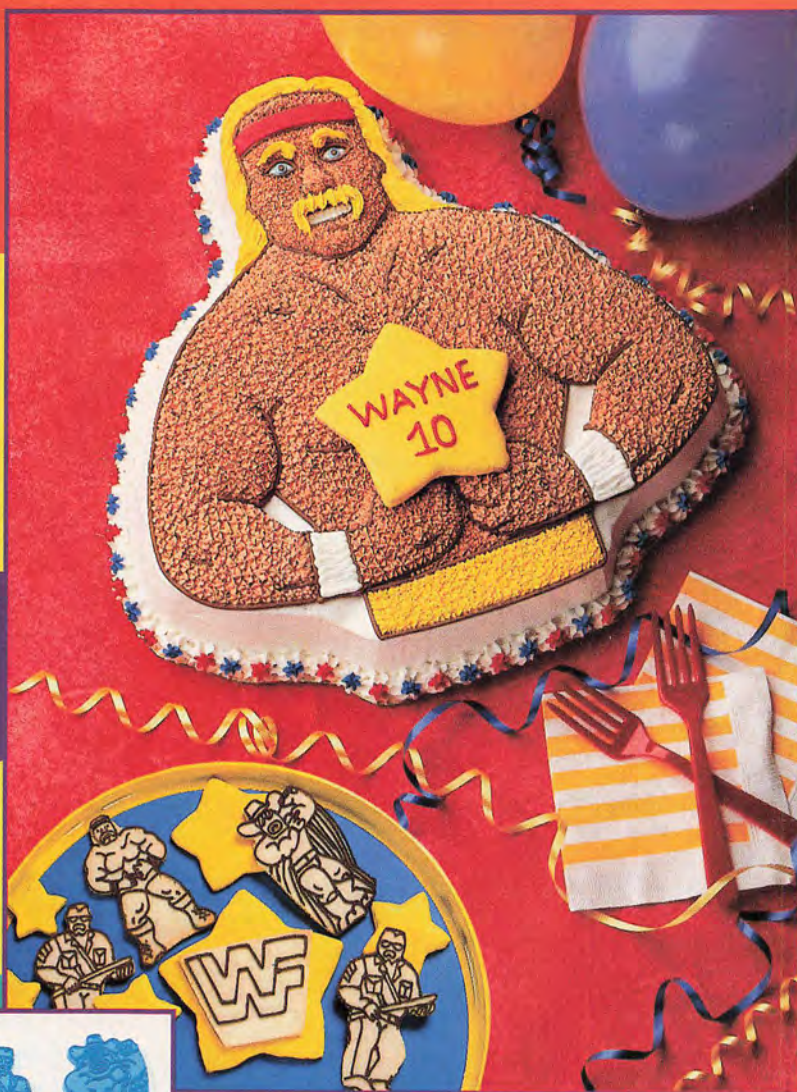
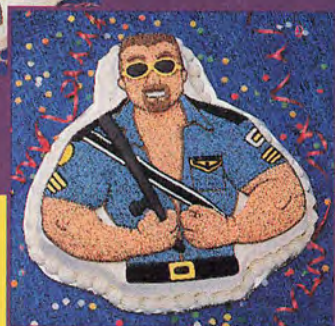


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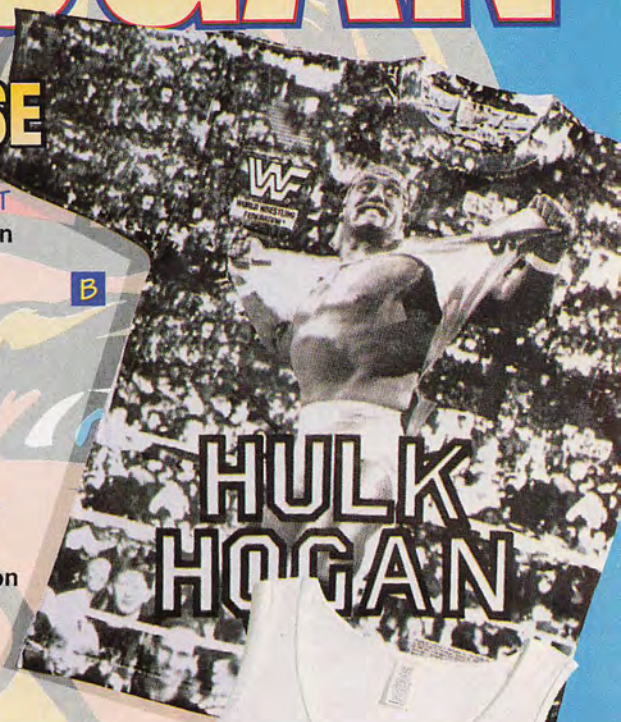
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ASHES ASHES

What's in the Undertaker's urn?

Dust thou art and to dust thou shall return.” In the Bible, Adam heard these words from God. Throughout history, ashes have been the symbol of the eventual fate of the human body, destined to return to the earth. Ash Wednesday, a holy day for many Christians, testifies to this fact. It also signifies that the body is nothing. It may be gone, but the human soul and spirit persist.

Ashes do not only symbolize death. They symbolize hope and renewal. In North Africa, the warrior Berber people light great fires at midsummer. They leap over the flames, thinking this will give them good health and prosperity. Then they rub the ashes on their heads to prevent baldness.

In Wales, families make a great bonfire each Halloween. When it burns down, each member of the family throws a white stone, marked with his or her name, into the ashes. If a stone is not found in the ashes the next morning, its owner is believed to be doomed within a year. But the owners of the stones that remain are thought to be safe from this fate.

Throughout history, many peoples have burned the bodies of their dead heroes to ashes. If a great Viking chief died, he was sent afloat in a dragonship, which was set afire. His ashes filtered

Given his size and frightening presence, he has enough power to make his own way in the ring.

into the sea, which was believed to give his people life. Another custom, which is still carried on today, is for some people to retain the ashes of their deceased loved ones in funeral urns. This ritual brings us to the Undertaker and the urn carried by his manager, Paul Bearer.

The Undertaker seems to derive strange power from that urn. Given his size and frightening presence, he has enough power to make his own way in the ring. But there are times that even the Undertaker, the Grim

can't handle in the ring."

Heenan was asked what he would do if he could put his hand into the urn. "No thanks," he quivered, "I don't want to get my hand dirty."

Dr. Harvey Wippleman, manager of the Giant Gonzalez, also scoffs at the urn. "It looks like a spittoon," he says. "Don't know what a spittoon is? It's a brass urn that they

used to put on the floor in a saloon, so people who chewed tobacco could spit into it. Maybe that's what's in the urn, old chaws and spit. It's a fake. The Undertaker is using it to prey on stupid minds."

Perhaps the urn holds nothing but air and the whole thing is a psychological ploy. If it is psychological, is it aimed at the foes of the Undertaker or is it for the Undertaker himself? Perhaps the Undertaker uses it as a motivator, similar to an NFL lineman posting on his locker a

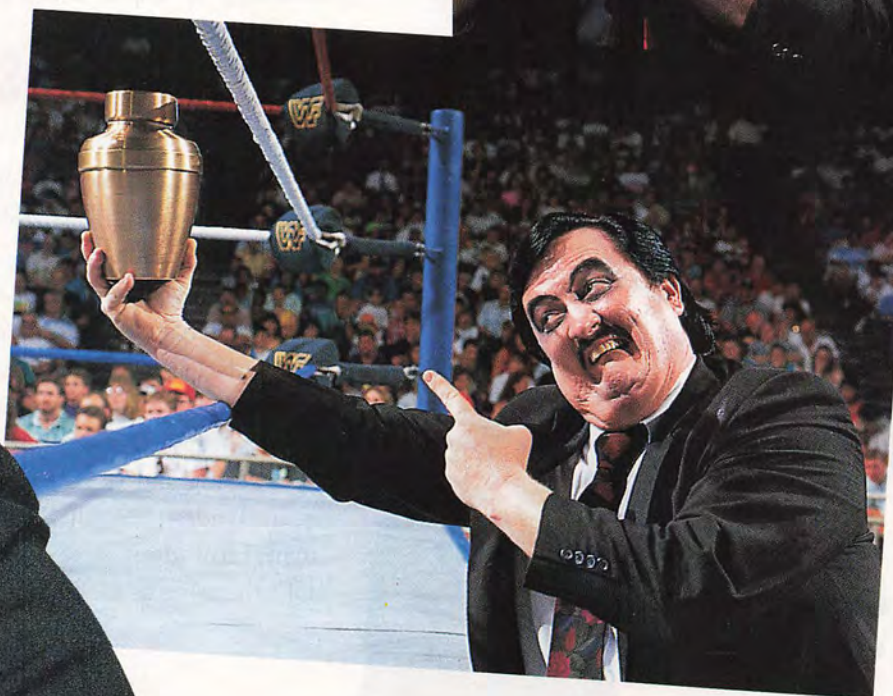
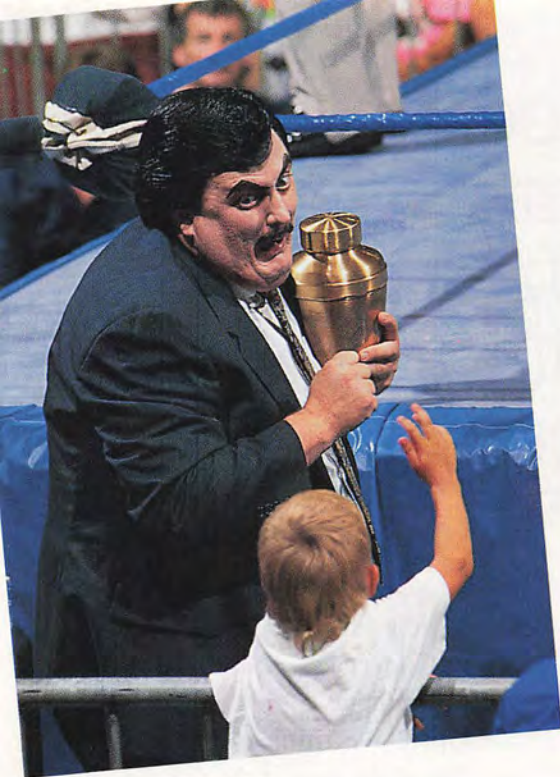
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Reaper of the World Wrestling Federation, is put to the test. The history of the Federation demonstrates that the more fearsome you are, the greater the threat that will arise against you. Might breeds might.

In such conditions, the Undertaker turns to the urn not as a source of death, but of life. What is in that container? We've searched and asked around for an answer.

"Dirt," says Bobby "The Brain" Heenan. "Undertaker likes dirt. It seems to give him some special sort of strength. He gets dirty. I think that the urn is a fake. Undertaker just needs it to clonk people he





It's well-known that the Under-
taker derives his powers from
the urn Paul Bearer carries
with him. For years, the edi-
tors at the Federation, in ad-
dition to millions of fans,
have questioned its contents.

newspaper story about his missing a critical block in a key game.

Neither Paul Bearer nor the Undertaker will talk about it. When he is asked about the contents of the urn, the Undertaker replies with a glare that makes one freeze. But reporters can push Paul a bit. "What's in there?" we asked.

Paul cocks his head, and then he mutters under his breath, "The urn is the urn. Just like my Undertaker is my Undertaker. They are one."

Whatever is in that brass contain-

When asked about the contents of the urn, the Undertaker replies with a glare that makes one freeze.

er, it seems to work for the Undertaker. When the Giant Gonzalez appeared at the *Royal Rumble* and beat the Undertaker into unconsciousness, the urn revived him.

Whatever is in the urn is of supreme importance to the Undertaker. We have heard rumors that some elements in the World Wrestling Federation who would like to destroy him have pondered stealing the urn. Risky business. Paul

Bearer appears able to control the forces within the urn for the benefit of the Undertaker, if, indeed, the urn is not empty.

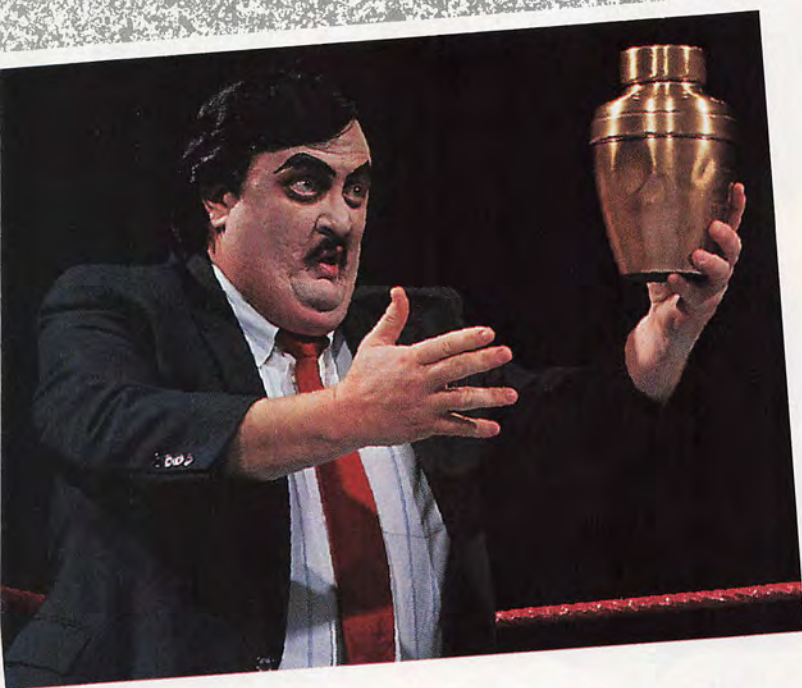
Empty? We think not. Purely speculating, we suspect the urn con-

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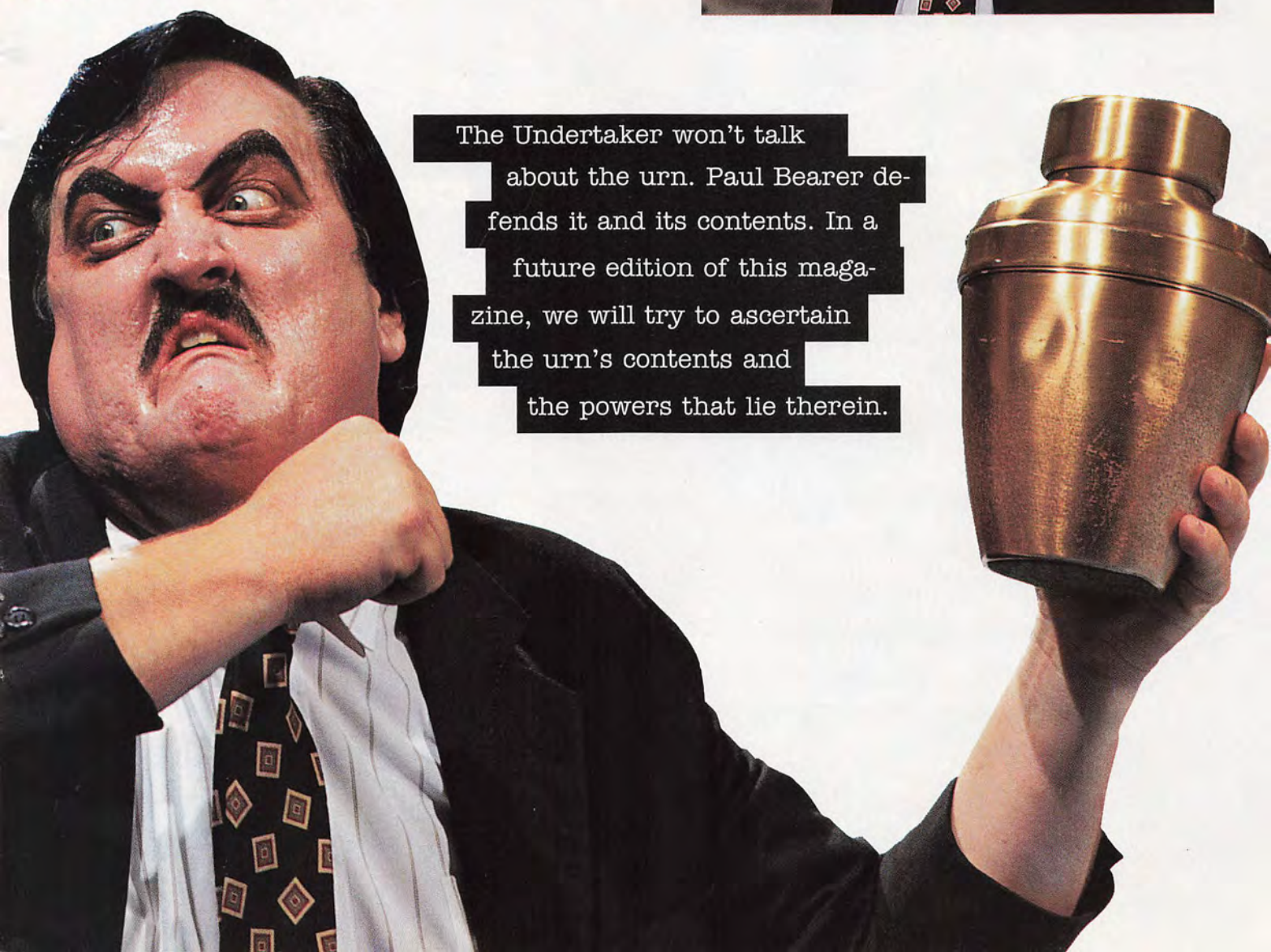
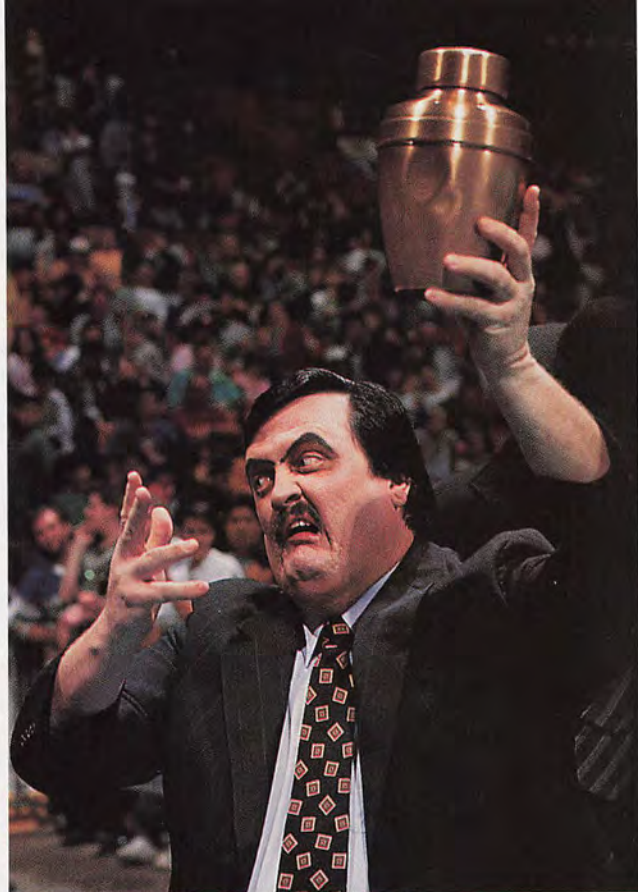
tains ashes—ashes that the Undertaker either reveres or fears. Ashes of a former life, perhaps.

There is an ancient legend about a titanic, beautiful bird called the Phoenix that lived for 500 years. Then it weakened and ended its life in a blaze of fire. From the ashes, it arose, strong and vibrant to begin again. Undertaker, what's in your urn? How does it revive you? Like the ashes of the Phoenix? **W**





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The Undertaker won't talk about the urn. Paul Bearer defends it and its contents. In a future edition of this magazine, we will try to ascertain the urn's contents and the powers that lie therein.



WHAT IT TAKES TO BE KING OF THE RING

By Keith Elliot Greenberg

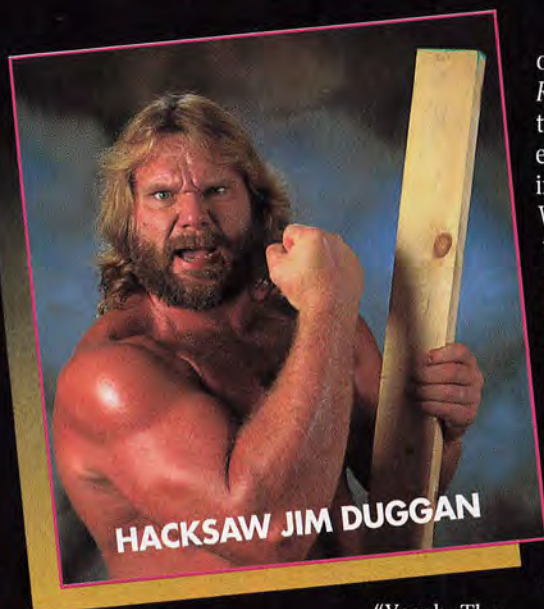
Bragging rights. When a man decisively displays his superiority over another, he earns the right to brag. When he dominates 16 of the finest men in his field, he owns the right to brag.

Welcome to the *King of the Ring* tournament, a World Wrestling Federation pay-per-view extravaganza to be broadcast live from Dayton, Ohio's Nutter Center on Sunday, June 13. It's a contest that brings the concept of bragging rights to an unprecedented level. After battling his way from one round of the tourney to the next, the victor enjoys the luxury of looking over his shoulder at 15 broken bodies and declaring that he, indeed, is King of the Ring.

"When you wear a title belt, it means one thing. When you're King of the Ring, it means another," explains Macho Man Randy Savage, the only wrestler to have ever held the World Wrestling Federation Championship and the King of the Ring crown.

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"Yeaah. The championship is something tangible all right, something visible, a symbol for all the world to see that you are really

on top of the mountain. The *King of the Ring* is more personal. It's really between you and the other wrestlers. Everybody's always walking around saying that he's the real king of the World Wrestling Federation. It doesn't matter who the champion is. Every wrestler will tell you that, pound for pound, he's the king. Well, the *King of the Ring* is a chance to put your money where your mouth is. If you think you're so great, you have one night to step into the ring and prove it."

What makes the *King of the Ring* matchups so interesting is that the participants don't really know whom they'll be facing as the tournament thunders along.

"It's like a roll of the dice," says Hacksaw Jim Duggan, another former *King of the Ring* winner. "If you win the first round and your best friend or tag

team partner wins his first match, it's more than likely that you'll be put in the ring with him for the second round. You'd be amazed at how quickly your best friend can become your worst enemy when both of you are fighting to be called King of the Ring."

As World Wrestling Federation spectacles go, the *King of the Ring* tournament has been compared to the *Royal Rumble*, in that it's difficult to calculate which men will actually end up tangling between the ropes. Savage, however, believes that *King of the Ring* offers a greater one-on-one challenge. "In the *Royal Rumble*, there are 30 men in the ring, and bodies flying all over the place," says the Macho Man. "Just when you lock up with a guy and are really getting into it, somebody comes over and butts in. That means you don't always get a chance to finish

A SUPERSTAR PERSPECTIVE



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It's a way of showing yourself that all the hard work is worth it—all those hours in the gym, brudda, all that time in the ring, learning what it really means to be an athlete, all those aches and injuries. *King of the Ring* is a title you take with you your whole life, a title that no one can ever take away.

The *King of the Ring* tournament is one of the most grueling and prestigious trials in the World Wrestling Federation. The man who takes it all has battled a spectrum of competitors, round after round. Despite the pain, the gain sure is worth it: the right to call yourself King of the Ring.

World Wrestling Federation Magazine asked some of the World Wrestling Federation's roughest gladiators, "What does it mean to be King of the Ring?"

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For an experienced wrestler, being *King of the Ring* proves you've only gotten better with time. For a younger wrestler, it is your ticket to glory. No matter what a man's history is, no matter what his ring style, no matter what he's done in the past, becoming the *King of the Ring* means that the future belongs to you.



what you started. In *King of the Ring*, it's just you and the other guy, one-on-one, giving it your all until it's all over."

One person with a particularly keen eye on *King of the Ring* is the World Wrestling Federation Champion. Throughout wrestling history, the proclamation of a competitor as King of the Ring—complete with pomp and ceremony—has meant his instant ascension in the rankings. It means a chance for a title shot.

"You have to be very careful defending the belt against the King of the Ring because he has momentum on his side," says Bret "Hit Man" Hart, who participated in several *King of the Ring* tournaments throughout the years. "When the King of the Ring walks into the dressing room, the other wrestlers step back and check him out really good. He thinks he's the best, and his

King of the Ring win makes him believe it. When you defend the championship against him, you're defending against a wrestler at the peak of his career. It does not matter how tired you are from your other title defenses. If you're not at the top of your game, the King of the Ring has a better shot at knocking you off than any other man in the Federation."

Regardless of what victory leads to, the King of the Ring coronation is a way for a wrestler to etch a permanent place for himself on wrestling's exclusive list of legends. That's a distinction every competitor desires, and lately the tournament has been the talk of the dressing room.

"The bragging has started already," points out Savage, "but I would say that it's a little premature. All you need

is a set of strong vocal chords if you wanna brag. But you need strength, skill, ruggedness and sheer heart to be King of the Ring." **WF**



BRET "HIT MAN" HART

PAPA SHANGO

I believe that becoming the King of the Ring means that the spirits have come down from above and anointed you. All of the powers of the World Wrestling Federation rest within your being—the power to demolish, the power to conquer and the power to rule.

BAM BAM BIGELOW

Fear. I think that being King of the Ring means fear. All of the other wrestlers in the World Wrestling Federation fear you because they know that it's inevitable that you'll destroy them in the ring. The man who earns the right to be called the King of the Ring can bury a man not only with his power but with his reputation.

THE NARCISSIST LEX LUGER

It means that you're the best. When the annals of wrestling are written, it will be your name on top, then a line, then everybody else's. It's something that transcends wrestling because if you're gifted enough—and believe me, I am—to be King of the Ring, you're gifted enough to be a king at life.

THE MAIN EVENT

HULK HOGAN vs YOKOZUNA

FOR THE WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION TITLE

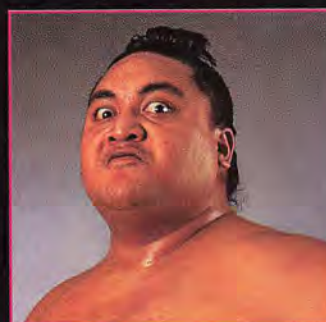


In addition to the thrilling 16-man single elimination *King of the Ring* tournament, this inaugural World Wrestling Federation pay-per-view extravaganza will also feature a main event for the Federation Title. The immortal Hulk Hogan, who captured the World Wrestling Federation Championship for an amazing fifth time at *WrestleMania IX*, will oppose Yokozuna in a long-awaited rematch.

Yokozuna, who beat Bret "Hit Man" Hart for the belt at *WrestleMania*, is determined to smash Hogan once and for all. The 505-pound Polynesian brute and his manager, Mr. Fuji, add that they are planning to surprise the Hulkster with a special strategy at the *King of the Ring* tournament, a strategy that the devious duo says will render Hogan an invalid.

However, Hogan doesn't seem threatened. He's focused. He's in the greatest physical condition of his career, and he is charging at Yokozuna with a full head of steam.

Could this be what Yokozuna and Fuji want? Are they planning to pull the rug out from under the multi-time Champion at the last moment? Perhaps. These questions and others will be answered when the Hulkster and Yokozuna collide in what some are calling the "War of the Worlds" at the *King of the Ring*, Sunday, June 13, on pay-per-view!



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

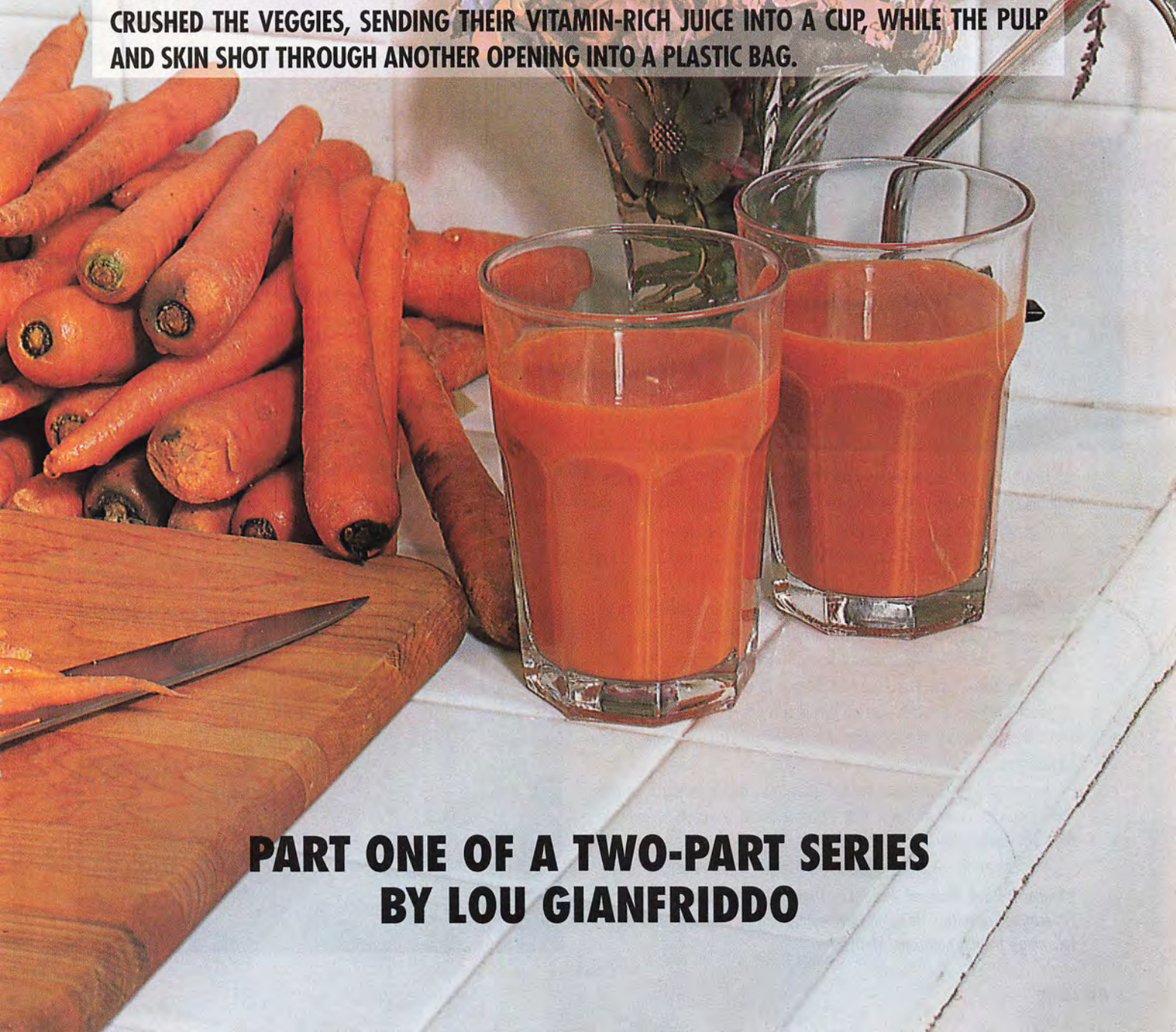
YOU ARE

WHAT

YOU EAT

THE DINING HALL IN THE AUGUSTA CIVIC CENTER IN AUGUSTA, GEORGIA, WAS ALMOST DESERTED. TABLES WERE LITTERED WITH NAPKINS AND EMPTY PLATES. MOST OF THE WRESTLERS HAD FINISHED EATING. IT WAS SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE AN EVENT WAS TO BE TELEVISED ON THE WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION NETWORK.

A WHIRRING SOUND EMANATED FROM ONE CORNER OF THE HALL. THERE, SITTING AT A TABLE, FORMER WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION CHAMPION BOB BACKLUND WAS PUTTING A BUNCH OF CARROTS INTO A JUICE PROCESSOR. HE PUT A HANDFUL OF CARROTS INTO THE MACHINE AND GAVE IT THE GAS. IT CRUSHED THE VEGGIES, SENDING THEIR VITAMIN-RICH JUICE INTO A CUP, WHILE THE PULP AND SKIN SHOT THROUGH ANOTHER OPENING INTO A PLASTIC BAG.



**PART ONE OF A TWO-PART SERIES
BY LOU GIANFRIDDO**

Backlund routinely lugs a juice processor with him when he is on the road. It's not just because he likes carrot juice. It's because he does all he can to eat and drink the right stuff for a healthy lifestyle. After all, as the old saying goes, you are what you eat.

As far as living right goes, Backlund is Mr. Clean, but he's not alone. He typifies the World Wrestling Federation athletes who go all-out to ensure their lifestyle keeps them in tip-top shape on the inside as well as the outside. And eating right is a big part of it.

World Wrestling Federation Magazine caught up with Backlund to ask him what it takes to promote good health the natural way.

"I've been drinking vegetable and fruit juices for some time," Backlund said, as he lifted his cup. "Carrot juice is my favorite for obvious reasons. Carrots have an abundance of vitamins. They also have beta-carotene, which is a precursor to vitamin A and has even been proved to prevent some forms of cancer."

Having said that mouthful, Backlund took another drink from the cup. "Here's to you guys at the magazine," he toasted.

Backlund and his Federation counterparts are some of the most athletically and genetically gifted individuals in all of athletics. They possess amazing agility, strength, athleticism and combat skills. These superstars, such as the Narcissist Lex Luger, Brutus "The Barber" Beefcake



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and Hulk Hogan, maintain the best physiques on the planet and do so without any synthetic ergogenic aids, particularly anabolic steroids, human growth hormones, beta-agonists (Clenbuterol) or diuretics.

The World Wrestling Federation and its superstars realize that prescription drugs and certain other chemicals are meant for treating illness and not for preparation for the ring. Testimony to that belief is the fact that the World Wrestling Federation tests its athletes for illegal substances. In July 1991 the Federation—on its own initiative—began to test for anabolic agents as part of its extensive drug-testing policy, a protocol that also includes every Class III compound. Today the Federation is the only sports organization of its kind that has such a strict policy regarding chemical substances.

Knowing they must measure up creates an esprit de corps among the superstars. They all know that they can't take shortcuts to enhance their physiques or athletic performance.

The bottom line is that the superstars in the World Wrestling Federation *Whether it's Bob Backlund, Virgil, Lex Luger or any of the World Wrestling Federation superstars, they all have something in common, and that is following a healthy nutritional lifestyle.*



tion do things the old-fashioned way: They sweat and grunt with monstrous poundages in the gym. They spend hours on the mat in order to sharpen their wrestling skills and use the remainder of the time in grueling aerobic sessions to pare off unwanted body fat. Furthermore, to augment their muscle gains and athletic performance, most superstars also adhere to some sort of specialized dietary regimen and supplementation program, including the products contained in ICOPRO's ThermiForce™ Fat-Loss Kit and the Nine-Week Bodybuilding Program.

Backlund has always recognized that nutrition and sports perform-



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ance walk hand in hand. For instance, while at North Dakota State University—where he received a B.A. in physical education—Backlund constantly experimented with the effects that certain foods had on his body and how those nutrients amplified his athletic ability.

"I was a national wrestling champion at North Dakota State and a decent football player," Backlund said. "To gain weight for football, I drank two and a half gallons of milk a day. Not skim or low-fat. We're talking the real moo juice—whole milk!"

In addition, Backlund said he also consumed steak and several dozen eggs three times weekly. These protein-rich foods helped Backlund pack on the pounds. By the time football season began, he was 15 pounds heavier and as strong as an ox.

When he entered the Federation in 1977, he changed his dietary program. Instead of a diet rich in high-protein, high-fat animal foods, Backlund did a flip-flop and converted to a total vegetarian diet (today, Backlund also eats modest amounts of meat and dairy products). That's when he also started to squeeze vegetable and fruit juice bigtime.

To give you an idea of what we mean, we asked the former champ to let us photograph him while he was crunching up his beloved carrots. He does it with all the enthusiasm and gusto of a real believer.

As we were photographing Backlund, Virgil came over to the table. He watched Backlund drink juice and our photographer take snapshots. Virgil, who had been moaning that this magazine had ignored him in recent issues, asked if he could mug it up for our photographer.

We agreed. After all, reporters and photographers don't usually find it at all worthwhile to argue with a man who stands 6' 2", weighs 241 pounds and can crack heads faster than Backlund can crack a walnut. Besides, we think that Virgil is really a good guy, and as far as living a healthy lifestyle is concerned, he's right up there with the best that there are.

Virgil, although his nutritional preference is not for carrot juice, also carries a small appliance with him whenever he's on the road. A blender, Virgil told us, is his best friend when he's away from home.



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"It's so tough to eat six times a day when you have to drive 200 miles to wrestle," Virgil said. "I mean, if you stop to eat and you show up late for the matches, the officials might fine you. That's why I take a blender with me. I can make my protein drinks before I leave the hotel, pour them in a thermos and drink them whenever I'm hungry."

Brutus Beefcake, like his Mega-Maniac partner Hulk Hogan, is an advocate of carrying his blender with him. He says that he can't get along on the road without one.

"Without a bionic protein shake three times a day, the Barber can't cut and strut up to efficiency," Beefcake says. "The Hulkster and I make our own protein shakes. We start off with some high-quality protein powder. Then we add a few dozen egg whites, skim milk and peaches, and we pour it down, baby! My blender, which the Hulkster and I like to call the 'Beefomatic,' is just as valuable to

me as all the steel bolts and plates in my head, baby!"

On the lighter side of the menu (no pun intended), the Bushwhackers, Luke and Butch, adhere to an eccentric but effective nutritional program. Their diet centers around fish, primarily in the form of sardines, which have a high nutritional value. Sardines are a good source of protein; are high in calcium, zinc and phosphorous; and contain a generous portion of Omega-3, a fatty acid that has received much ballyhoo over the last several years. Additionally, sardines are easy to eat anywhere. Luke and Butch can—and often do—eat their meals on airplanes, in their cars or even in the squared circle.

Along with sardines, the Bushwhackers also have a fondness for Limburger cheese and grilled calf's liver, which is the only food that contains the entire vitamin B complex—a significant constituent for good health and the acquisition of muscle mass.

All told, the superstars' nutritional programs are as individual as the athletes themselves. You, too, can improve your health and fitness by maintaining proper food intake, complete with the right amount of macronutrients (protein, carbohydrates, fats) and micronutrients (vitamins, minerals). Let your brain nibble on that food for thought the next time you sit down to chow. **WF**

A man with a beard and a wide-brimmed hat, wearing a plaid shirt and light-colored pants, stands in a doorway. He is holding a crocodile by its tail. To his left, another crocodile is mounted on a wooden wall. The scene is set in a rustic, possibly tropical, environment.

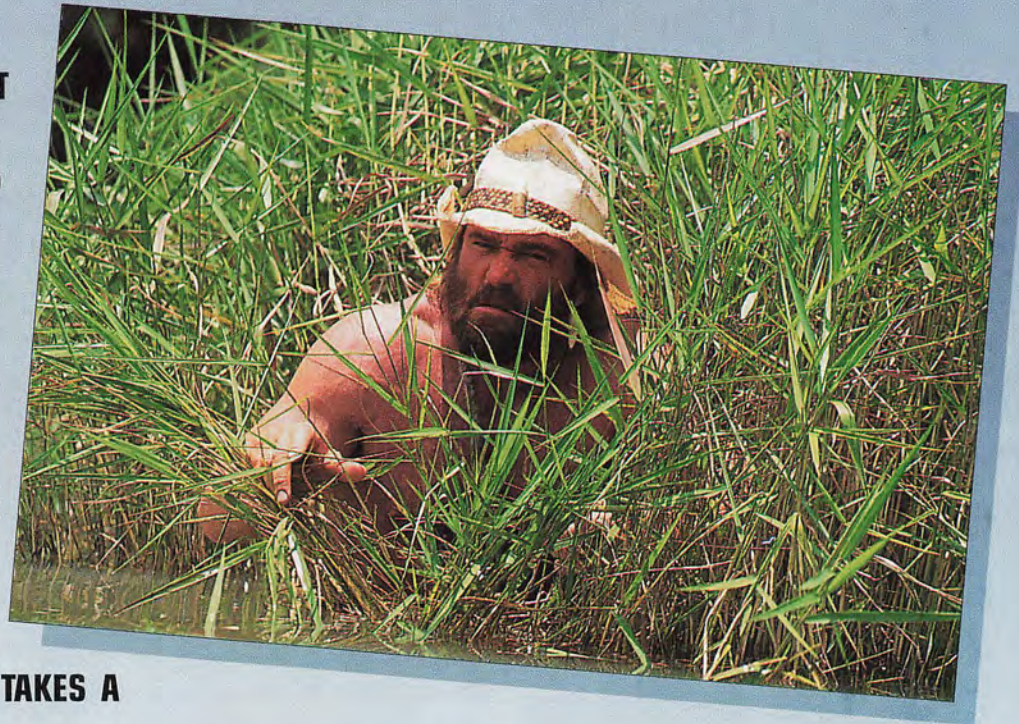
CONSPIRACY?

SKINNER CLAIMS IT'S AGAINST HIM

YUCK!

SKINNER CAN BE DOWNRIGHT DISGUSTING. REMEMBER HOW HE USED TO SPIT CHAW JUICE ON HIS OPPONENTS? WELL, HE DOESN'T CHOMP ON THE LEAF ANYMORE. IT GOT INTO THAT FLORIDA CRACKER'S THICK SKULL THAT TOBACCO, IN ANY FORM, DOESN'T DO THE BODY ANY GOOD. THAT REVELATION CAME AFTER HE RECOGNIZED WHAT OTHER WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION ATHLETES WERE DOING—OPTING FOR A LIFE OF HEALTH THAT WOULD ENHANCE AND PROLONG THEIR RING CAREERS, NOT TO MENTION THEIR LIVES. BUT THE MAN IS STILL A YECH.

HIS OPPONENTS SAY THAT THE STENCH OF THE SWAMP THAT'S ON HIM MAKES IT EXTREMELY TOUGH TO LOCK UP WITH THIS COLLIER COUNTY BOY.



"I DON'T THINK HE EVER TAKES A BATH," SAYS EL MATADOR, WHO HAS BUTTED HEADS WITH SKINNER ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS.

SKINNER DOES SMELL LIKE A GATOR HOLE. THAT'S WHERE SKINNER TAKES HIS—ANNUAL, PROBABLY—BATH. DOWN IN THE EVERGLADES, WHERE MEN LIKE SKINNER RUN LIKE A DOG FROM THE GAME WARDENS, ALLIGATORS ENLARGE NATURAL DEPRESSIONS IN THE LIMESTONE AND MAKE POOLS WHERE THEY CAN LIVE AND BEAR THEIR YOUNG.

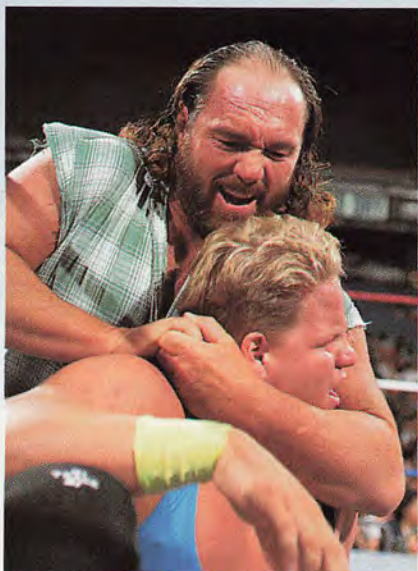


During droughts, gator holes are reservoirs of water, where fish and frogs survive, as do the herons, raccoons and other creatures that eat them. Gator holes also serve Skinner as a bathtub. He just plops in the mucky water with the gators, snakes and bullfrogs and does his thing.

"Skinner's not nice to be close to," says the Rocket Owen Hart, who also has taken on the swamper. "He stinks. He's the kind of guy you wish you could avoid."

Skinner has been complaining that the top superstars are doing just that. "They're all afraid of me," he claims. "They don't want to be in the ring with Skinner. And the World Wrestling Federation matchmakers are in a conspiracy with them. The matchmakers know that ol' Skinner here could have a title if they gave him the chance, but they don't want to see me with the gold. They know the fans don't like me very much and that I don't give a hoot about the

Is there a conspiracy against Skinner in the Federation? He seems to think so and blames Jack Tunney for it.



He has been given a chance to wrestle some of the very best—Bret Hart, Bob Backlund, El Matador, Crush, the Rocket, Virgil and Tatanaka. They whipped his butt. We asked Skinner to tell us about it.

"It's all part of the same conspiracy," he says. "The referees are a bunch of crooks. They don't like me, either. So when they see me getting ahead of somebody they do like, they give him all the breaks. The deck's stacked against Skinner."

Skinner, by the way, also has a beef with this magazine. "How come you don't ever write anything about Skinner?" he asked. We told him that was exactly what we were doing. Why else would we be interviewing him?

"Oh, sure, you *are* writing something 'bout me," Skinner replied.

"Something bad. You're part of the conspiracy, too. Well, let me tell you—let me tell everybody—Skinner's not gonna take it anymore. People are gonna find out they can't mess with this swamp boy. Listen, I can outwrestle a bull alligator. Been doing it since I've been a kid. I'm meaner than a water moccasin and wilder than a Florida panther. You know what I'm gonna do? I'm gonna start really hurting people. I'm gonna end a few careers. I'm gonna tick off everybody. Then people will pay attention to Skinner."

Is the guy paranoid? Or is he just making excuses for himself? Probably both.

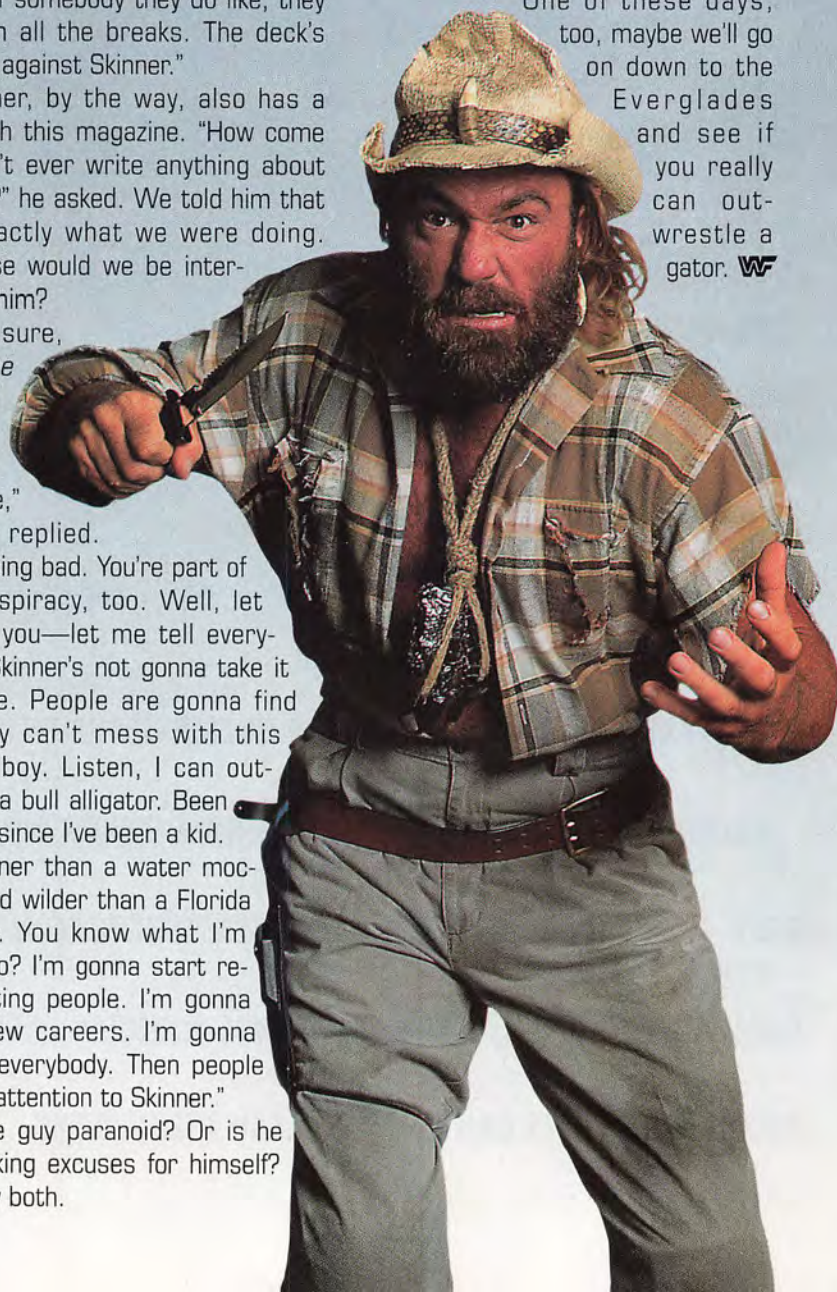
fans. I don't go around parading for them like Hulk Hogan and Bret 'Hit Man' Hart. Not Skinner."

It's difficult to figure where Skinner's coming from.

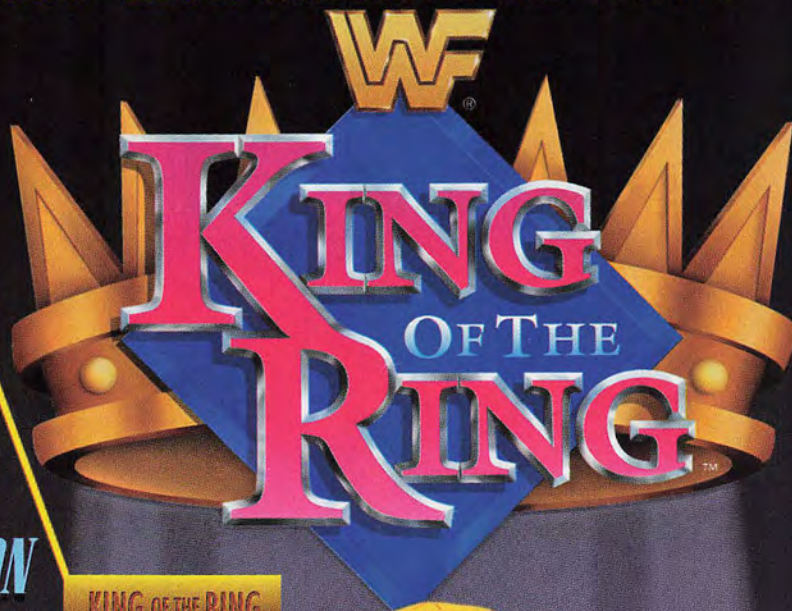
We asked World Wrestling Federation President Jack Tunney about Skinner's complaints. "I can't testify to Skinner's state of mind, whether he's paranoid or not," says Tunney. "That's not my area of expertise. But I can say without any qualification whatsoever that Skinner has not been maltreated. There is no conspiracy in the World Wrestling Federation against him. If he wants more attention, if he wants to move up in the ranks of championship contenders, then he had better come up with some big wins. Skinner, the ball is in your court."

So, Skinner, that's the skinny. We'll be watching you, ready to record what happens if you score big.

One of these days, too, maybe we'll go on down to the Everglades and see if you really can outwrestle a gator. **W**



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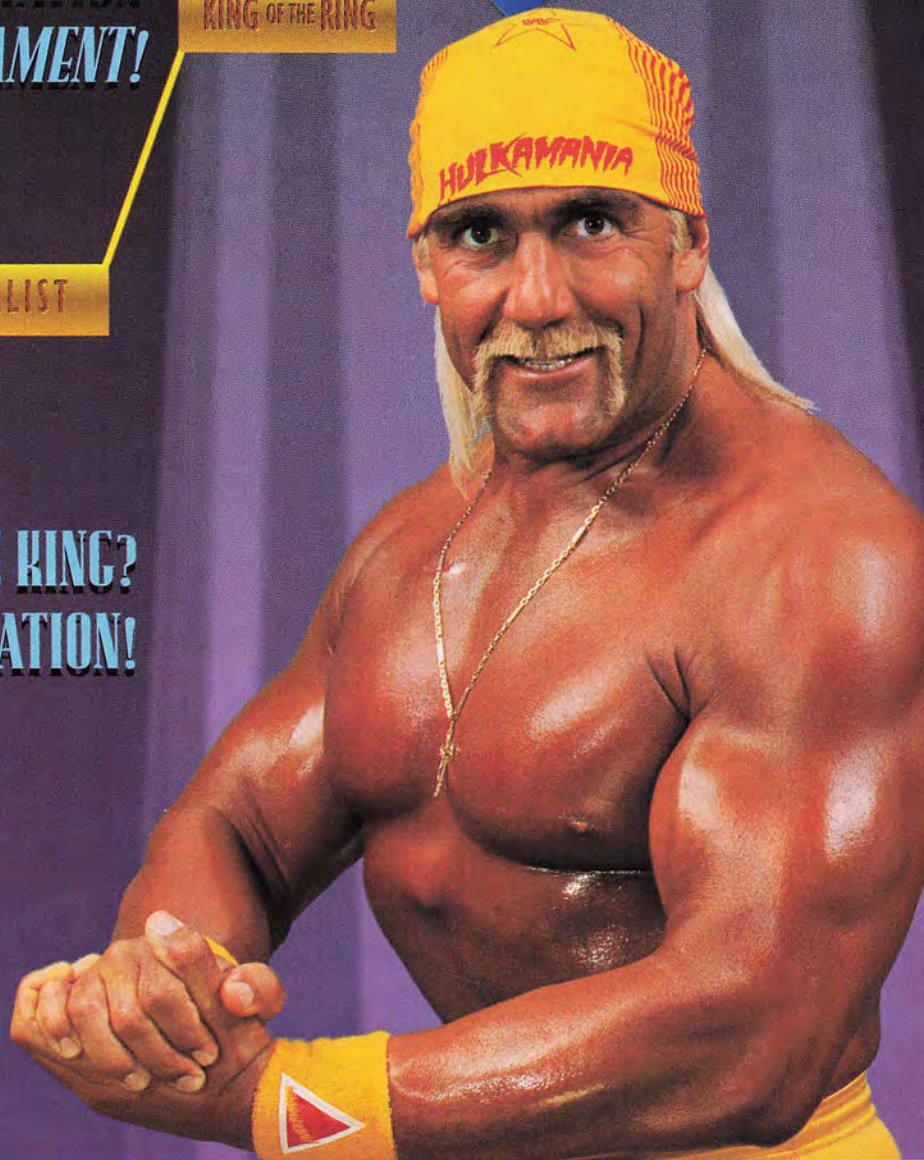
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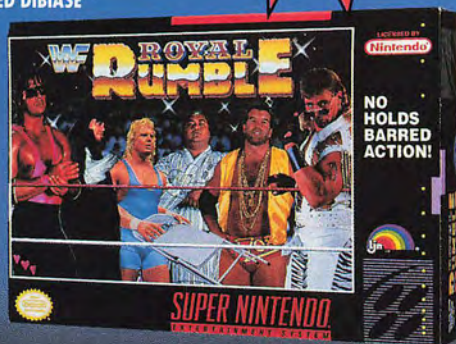


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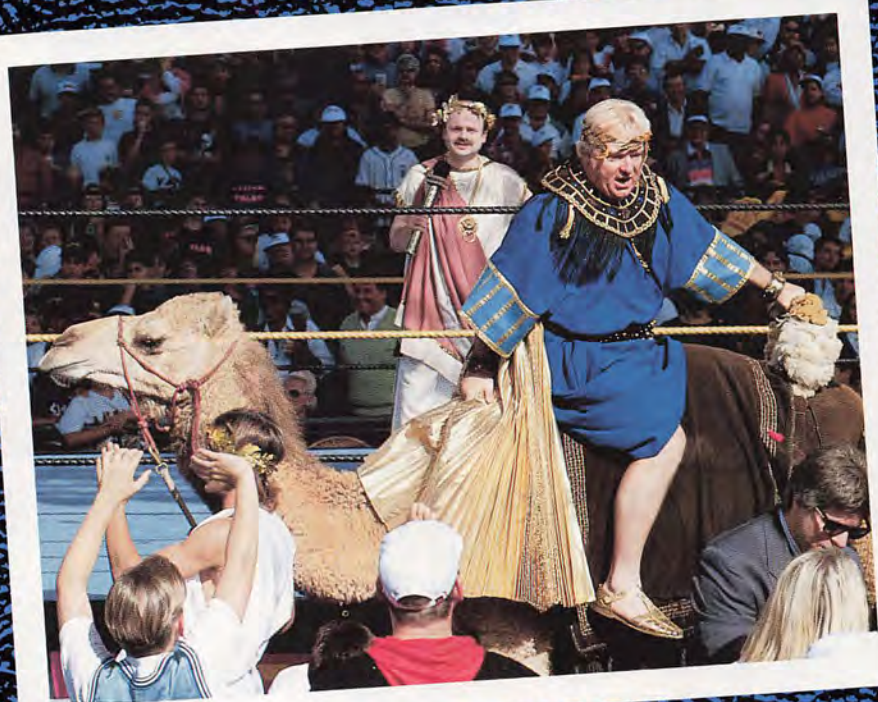




WrestleMania IX: excitement for the entire family!

private eye

PHOTOS BY ROY LONDON & TOM BUCHANAN



Everyone should have guessed that *WrestleMania IX* would be the wildest, most surprising event in wrestling history when Bobby "The Brain" Heenan entered the coliseum on a camel, riding backward. Unlike the Brain, the animal had the sense to be looking forward while moving. Moments later, the pageant was underway.

Caesar and Cleopatra made their glamorous entrance astride an elephant that stood on its hind legs to greet the cheering crowd of 16,000. Excitement mounted further when Macho Man Randy Savage was carried into the area on a litter surrounded by a bevy of beautiful women.

As gold- and red-garbed centurions carrying royal blue ostrich feather fans escorted the entourage around the ring on a bright sunny day in "The Entertainment Capital of the World," it heralded the beginning of the best sports entertainment in the world.

Even Nevada's Gov. Bob Miller joined in the fun, along with his son, Ross. Looking around at the cheering crowds, Miller quipped, "I had the wrong booking agent or I could have been in the World Wrestling Federation instead of the governor's office."

Another celebrity who was getting into the spirit of things was Eddie Einhorne, owner of the Chicago White Sox. Talking with *USA* reporter Ross Forman, the baseball mogul called *WrestleMania IX* "the big one, the world series of wrestling."





As always, WrestleMania IX was a weekend-long event in which family fun is a top priority. Prior to the springtime spectacular in Las Vegas, all the Federation superstars had a chance to gamble and mingle with Bob Miller—governor of Nevada—and singer Natalie Cole.



Dan Reichartz, president of Caesars, said, "The excitement this event brought to Las Vegas would be hard to generate anywhere else."

Recording star Natalie Cole found the experience "unforgettable" when she and her children went backstage to see some of the stars.

Anticipation filled the air when Hulk Hogan and Brutus Beefcake took on the Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase and IRS. Little did the Mega-Maniacs know that IRS was fed up because he'd been pumping money into a quarter slot machine in the casino earlier in the day, but he couldn't get a payoff better than a cherry.

That flirt Sherri was also in the casino, but she was more interested in holding hands with one of the handsome centurions. Wonder



private eye



WrestleMania brunch—a traditional feast held on the morning of WrestleMania IX—featured some of the Federation's hottest athletes such as Shawn Michaels, Sensational Sherri and the Undertaker. Things got ugly, though, when the Narcissist sneak-attacked Bret Hart and cold-cocked him with a forearm blast to the temple.



if she was betting that the centurion could help her get even with ex-flame Shawn Michaels?

Sunday morning about 1,000 lucky persons attended the bountiful Bagel, Bacon and Biceps Brunch, which was fit for a king, queen or emperor.

Shawn Michaels seemed impressed with himself as females vied for his attention. He seemed more concerned with Tatanka, who was sharing the podium with him.

The real surprise was when Lex Luger got upset because he wasn't invited to the brunch and blindsided Champion Bret Hart who was telling the gathering that he felt 100 per cent and ready to face Yokozuna.

Speaking of Yokozuna, it was rumored that he and his manager, Mr. Fuji, were seen around the glamorous neon-lit Las Vegas Strip taking pictures of each other.

It was the Headlock on Hunger event in which the Federation stars really shone. The Steiner Brothers, Crush and the Undertaker, along with manager Paul Bearer, were surrounded by more than 6,000 enthusiastic fans who purchased posters in support of the World Wrestling Federation's program that aids starving people in Somalia.

"The popularity of the wrestlers is wonderful, but their generosity with their time and efforts should be applauded," according to Jennifer Brasler, special events coordinator of the Las Vegas chapter of the American Red Cross.

In all, it was a fabulous weekend at Caesars. **W**

—Penny Levin has been a reporter in Las Vegas for over 20 years. She's a contributing editor of ShowBiz magazine and has written this special piece for us.



Superstars At The Special Olympics Sports Carnival

Last winter, the Bushwhackers, Luke and Butch, and Hillbilly Jim traveled to Hartford, Connecticut, to take part in the Nutmeg State's Special Olympics Sports Carnival held at the Hartford Civic Center.

The Bushwhackers and Hillbilly Jim manned a Federation booth where a nominal fee was charged for autographs and photographs. The proceeds were then donated to the Connecticut Special Olympics.

The Bushwhackers, Luke and Butch, and Hillbilly Jim joined forces to help the Connecticut Special Olympics in Hartford.



Team ICOPRO

ICOPRO—the Integrated Conditioning Programs—has amassed a squad of elite athletes known as Team ICOPRO who preach the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and drug-free fitness around the world.

The team consists of many world-renowned bodybuilders such as the Giant Killer Danny Padilla, Eddie Robinson, Tony Pearson, Troy Zuccolotto and the Golden Eagle Tom Platz. They are joined by Cameo Kneuer, who is a successful model and former fitness champion, and by National Aerobic titleholder Nancy Popp.

Members of Team ICOPRO regularly appear at professional and amateur bodybuilding competitions as well as fitness seminars and powerlifting and aerobic events around the nation.



Mania host Todd Pettingill is a welcome addition to the Federation's broadcasting staff.

Maniacs For Mania

World Wrestling Federation Mania, which can be seen every Saturday morning on USA Network, is a big-time hit. Mania, hosted by Todd Pettingill, is a wild, entertaining telecast that features some of the best wrestling action on television and the wit of its likable host.

Pettingill, who is a New York City radio personality, adds a new flavor to Federation television. Lowdown urges everyone reading this to tune in to Mania on Saturday mornings. It's the best pick-me-up you can get, and best of all, it's 100% caffeine-free!

The Macho Man In New Orleans

In March, the Macho Man Randy Savage flew to New Orleans to participate in the Breakfast With the Champions, a benefit to help the Louisiana Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America.

Savage was joined by a host of other world-class athletes and superstars from the National Football League, such as Mitch Price of the Cincinnati Bengals and former Dallas Cowboy head coach Tom Landry. Billy Ray Hobbey from the Harlem Globetrotters was also in attendance.

Over 1,000 people attended the breakfast, which raised over \$75,000 for the fight against leukemia. Afterward, Savage offered his comments to *Lowdown*.

"It's always great to help people who are less fortunate than I am," he said. "I can't even describe the feeling."

Former Federation Champion Randy Savage and other renowned sports stars took part in a benefit breakfast in New Orleans.



WrestleMania IX On Coliseum Video

In addition to the in-depth *WrestleMania* coverage in this magazine, all its thrills and splendor can be brought into your home on *WrestleMania IX* by Coliseum Video. The videocassette is now available at video outlets everywhere. If you would like to relive *WrestleMania IX*—which has been called the "world's biggest toga party"—make sure you see it on Coliseum Video. It'll wow you.

There's an added incentive and it's known as Rentalmania '93. Whenever you rent a Coliseum World Wrestling Federation event, you will receive a collection of official *WrestleMania* action cards. The cards detail the events at *WrestleManias I-VIII* and are a must for any Federation fan. Coliseum Video, *Lowdown* hears, is also planning to offer other free gifts in the future. So keep abreast with Coliseum Home Video's Rentalmania '93!

TOUGH TALK

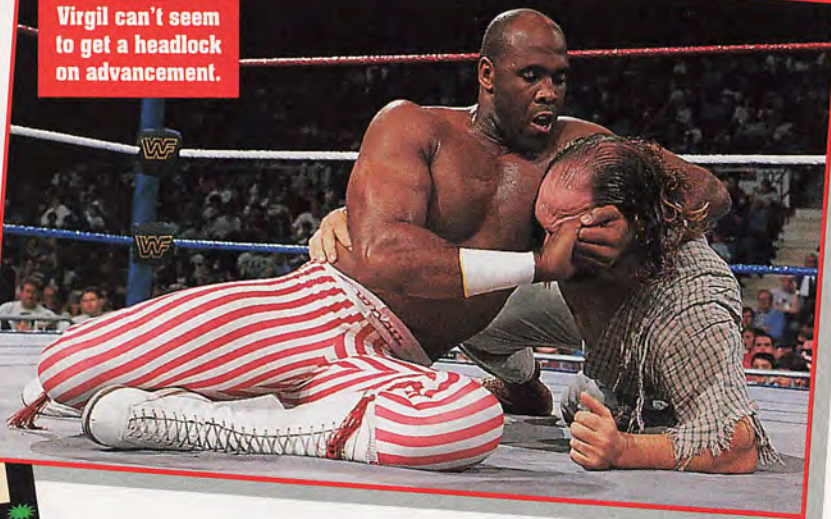
Editor's note: In our continuing effort to bring you hot insider info from the World Wrestling Federation, the editors of your magazine have decided to replace *Viewpoint* with a new column, *Tough Talk*. And believe it, we're really going to talk tough as we look into issues we believe need clarification and comment.

NO NEWS VIRGIL

As noted elsewhere in this issue, Virgil has been complaining that he gets little or no coverage in this magazine. We like Virgil. He's a top athlete and a dedicated wrestler. But we cover what's news in the World Wrestling Federation. And, to be truthful, Virgil, you haven't been making major news of late. Sure, you piggybacked on the photo shoot we did with Bob Backlund and his carrot juice. We didn't mind. We'd like to do a feature on you, but there are problems. Get with it, man. You've got what it takes to be on top. Why don't you make an effort to showcase what you've got? Refine it? Maybe work on some new moves and changes in ring style. Perhaps your opponents have you figured out too well. Give us something to write about, Virg, and we'll do it. But put up or shut up.

NO NEWS VIRGIL

Virgil can't seem to get a headlock on advancement.



Money Inc. Making Cents?

Now, let's take a hard look at Money Inc.—the Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase and his stuffed-shirt partner, Irwin R. Schyster, also known as IRS—and what they're saying about their ex-manager, Jimmy "Mouth of the South" Hart.

DiBiase has been complaining that over the years he and IRS made big bucks for Jimmy and that their payback was betrayal. In point of fact, Hart really didn't get all that much for his services. IRS, who does the books for Money Inc., is a well-known skinflint. He paid Hart much less than he deserved, and we suspect he cheated him royally.

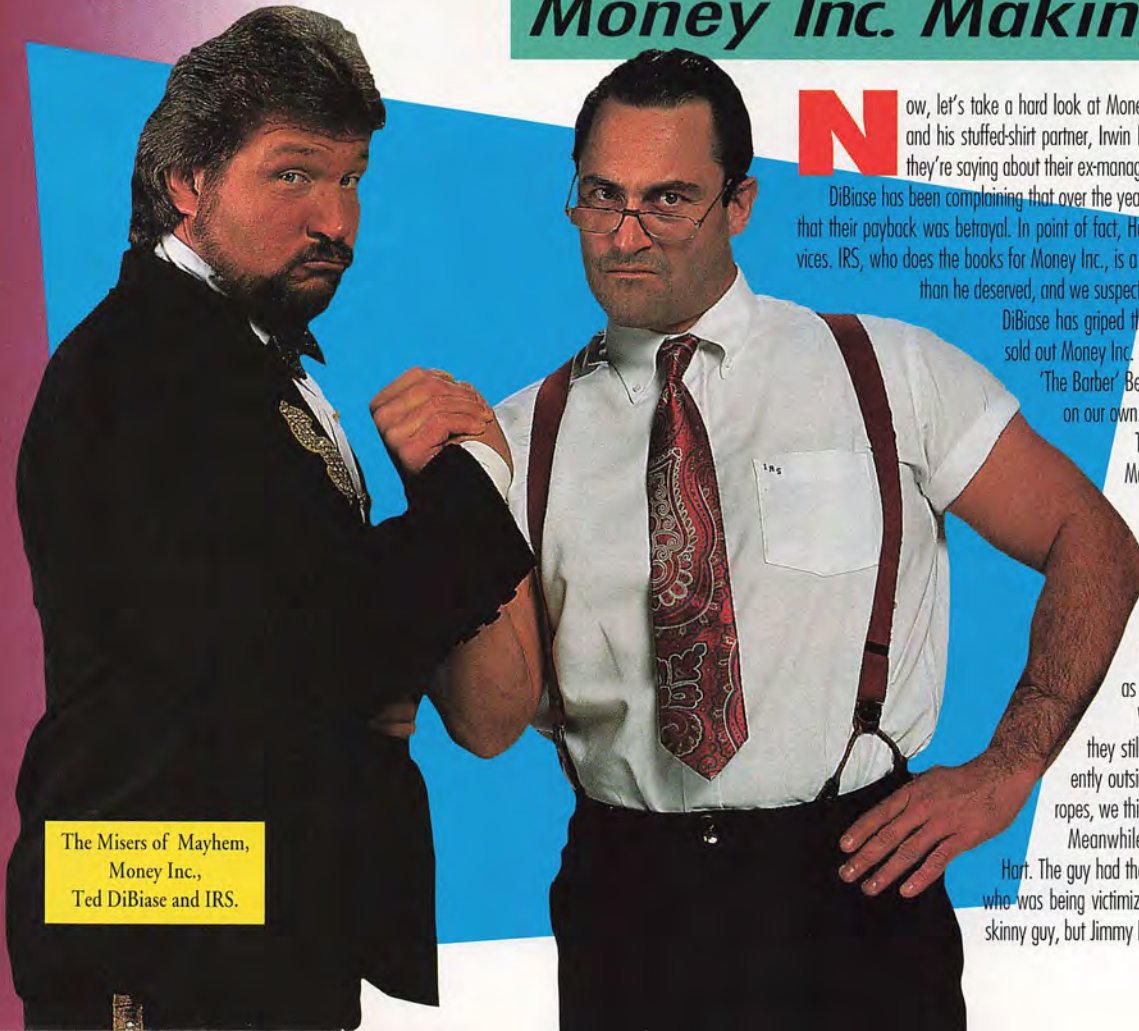
DiBiase has griped that Jimmy Hart "stabbed us in the back. He sold out Money Inc. He sold out to nitwits Hulk Hogan and Brutus 'The Barber' Beefcake. Actually, we were ready to junk Hart on our own. He was a loser."

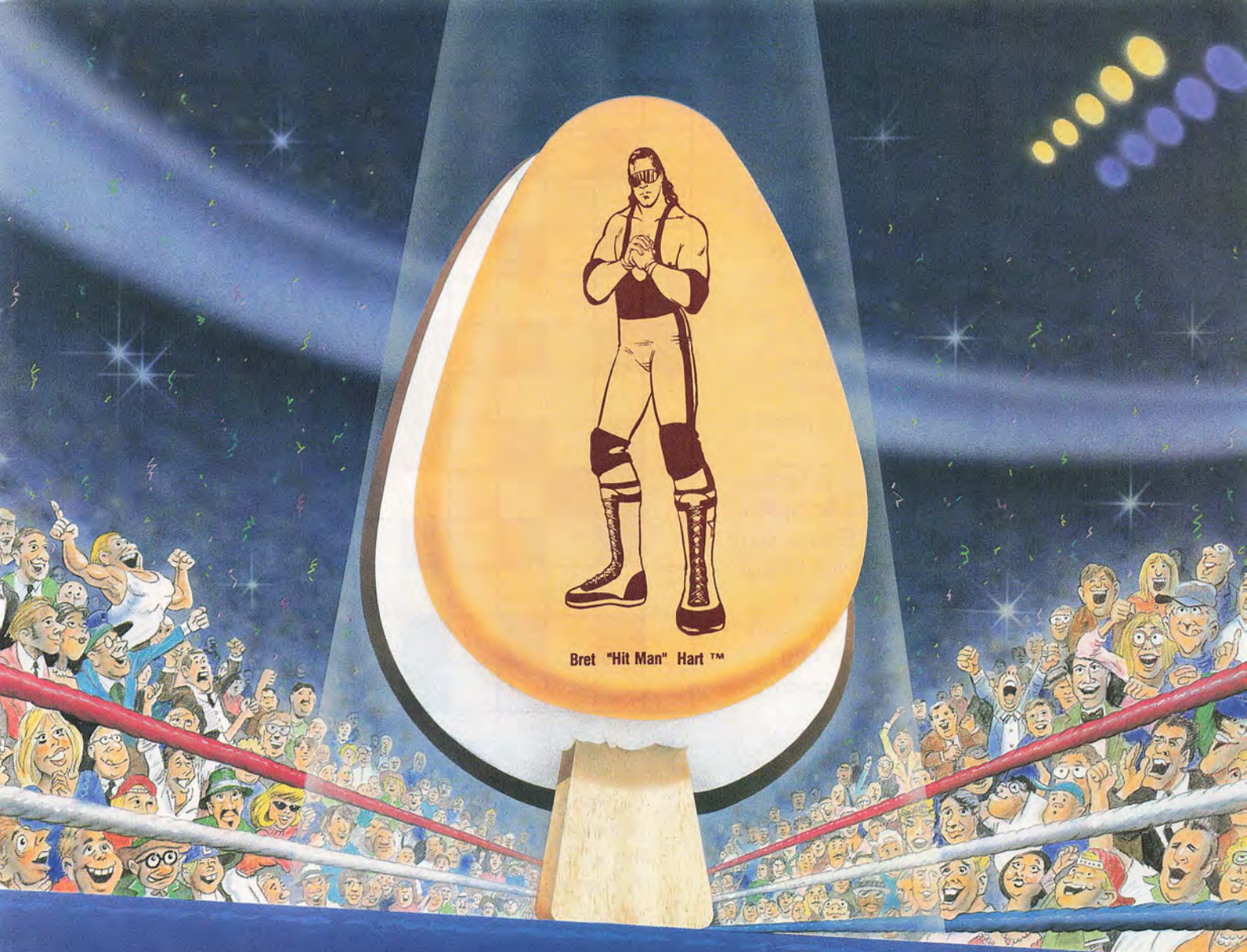
That's a lot of garbage. Hart's betrayal of Money Inc., if that's what it was, was in fact an act of great charity—he came to the aid of embattled Brutus. And Jimmy never got involved in dealings conducted by Money Inc. outside the ring. He tried his best to ignore them. Before he saw the light, Hart may have been a cheap-shot artist as a manager, but he never was a crook.

Were they? We suspect so. And we suspect they still are. Why would DiBiase and IRS act differently outside the ring than within it? Either side of the ropes, we think they are unethical, greedy and deceitful.

Meanwhile, Money Inc., stop bad-mouthing Jimmy Hart. The guy had the guts to stand up for someone—Brutus—who was being victimized by you two sleazes. He may be a little, skinny guy, but Jimmy Hart has a big man's heart. **WF**

The Misers of Mayhem,
Money Inc.,
Ted DiBiase and IRS.





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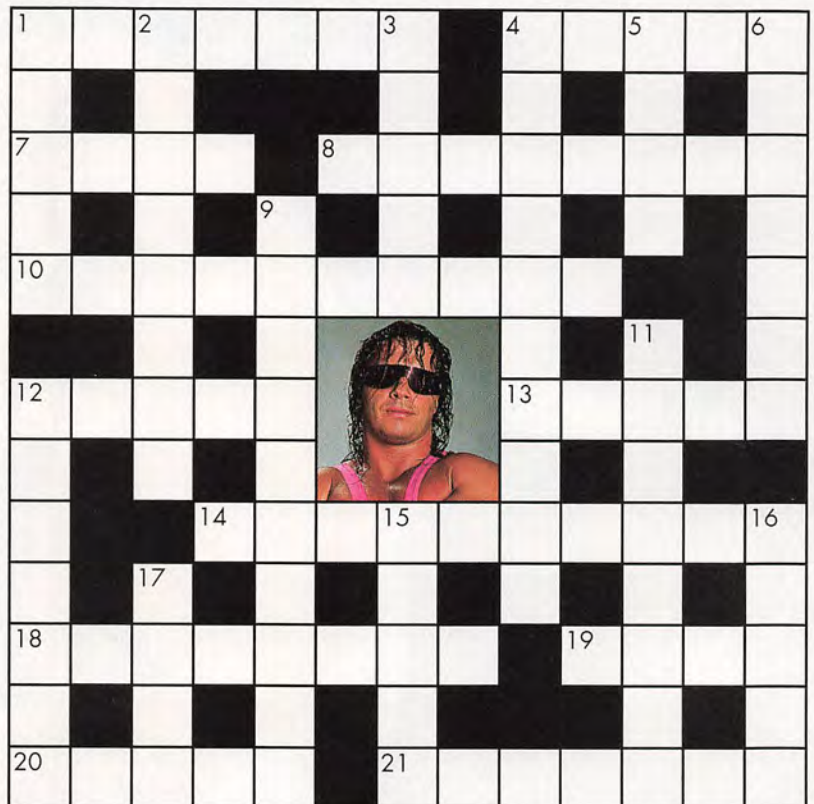
BY LARRY HUMBER

ACROSS

- 1 Federation commentator
- 4 Loose, flowing garments that are worn by most wrestlers
- 7 Around the _____ is one of this magazine's departments
- 8 Most demented
- 10 Bret "_____" _____ is Federation Champion
- 12 The Genius was born the fifth of this month
- 13 Area surrounding the ring
- 14 Doing away with
- 18 Brothers Rick and Scott
- 19 Las Vegas, Nevada, is the site of this *WrestleMania*
- 20 To manage or to direct
- 21 Infuriates

DOWN

- 1 The first *WrestleMania* was held _____ 31, 1985
- 2 Behemoths
- 3 Tatanka hails from Pembroke, _____ Carolina
- 4 This wrestler was pitted against 10 Across at the last *Royal Rumble*
- 5 On the cover of every issue of
- 6 Attack
- 9 This referee was knocked senseless by Mr. Perfect at the last *Survivor Series*
- 11 Working out in preparation for a bout
- 12 Helps
- 15 This *WrestleMania* attracted more than 93,000 fans
- 16 Hacksaw Jim Duggan hails from _____ Falls, New York
- 17 4 Down likes to refer to himself as "El _____"



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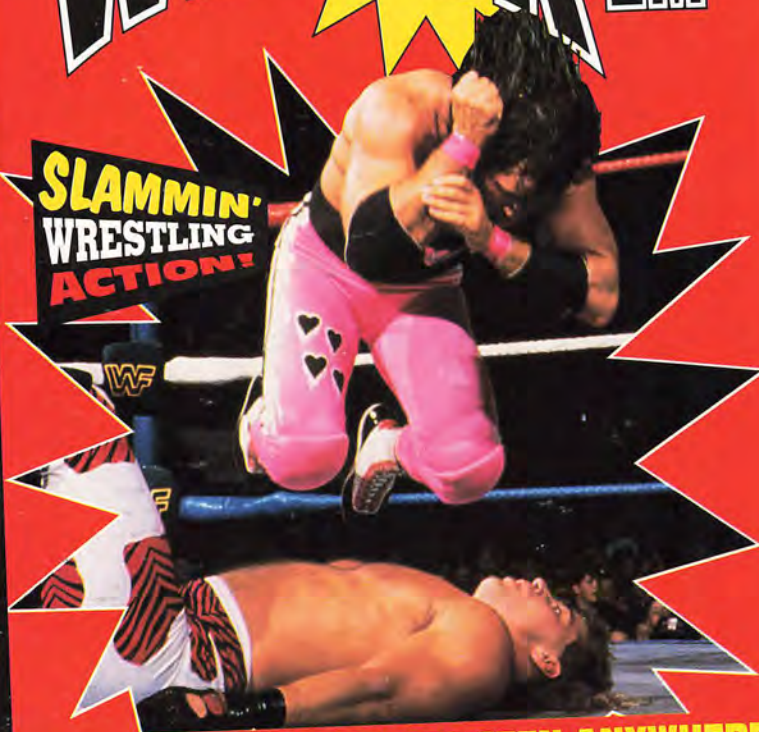
Rob Bartlett, who is also known as Elvis, learned that being a commentator on *Monday Night Raw* carries certain risks, such as catching a pie in the face from Dink the Clown. That's why people say *Raw* is "uncut, uncooked and uncensored."

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